# STONE YARD

## **Planters Buying Guide**

#### **Materials**

Planters made from GFRC (Glass Fiber Reinforced Concrete) have a weight of 7.5 lbs. per sq. ft. Fiberstone, which is visually identical to GFRC and concrete, is much lighter, at 2.5 lbs. per sq. ft. Both materials are made for indoor/outdoor use, even in extreme weather. For large and limitedaccess areas, the lighter-weight Fiberstone is preferred.

#### Finishes/Custom Finishes

Because finishes are hand applied, they will vary by item based on series texture or even by batch. Lighting can greatly affect the look, so requesting physical samples is suggested. Custom finishes are also available. A custom sample will be produced and sent to client for approval. All finishes are available in both GFRC & Fiberstone.

## **Custom Sizes/Designs**

Some designs can be custom sized without tooling. Some custom designs may be subject to a minimum order quantity.

## **Drainage Holes**

One-inch drainage hole(s) come standard on all planters. Additional drainage holes, and drainage holes of any size, are available upon request at an additional charge. Drainage hole location is not specified unless specifically requested.

#### Saucers

Saucers are waterproof, and made from Fiberstone, at 2.5 lbs. per sq. ft. The saucer texture is smooth and, depending on planter style, will complement the color, but may or may not match the planter due to textural differences.

#### Sealer

We use a clear, water-based acrylic sealer to protect planter from stains and make it easy to clean. Reapply the sealer every 3-5 years depending on exposure and application. To reapply: clean surface with a PH-neutral soap and apply new sealer with clean microfiber towel. Sealer can also be sprayed, blotted, or brushed.

#### Waterproofing

All planters come with a black interior sealer; a clear interior sealer is available for tabletop planters or planters that will not be directly planted. If being used as a water feature, or if no drainage is being used, a fully waterproof layer is available for an additional charge.

#### **Cork Pads**

Cork pads come standard on all planters to avoid floor/base damage. Nylon Glides are available for exterior applications, if requested.

#### Casters

Casters can be added to larger planters for ease of mobility. Their availability may be limited by planter design/size. Appropriately rated casters are used to support planted weights.

## **Self-Watering Reservoirs**

Water reservoirs, recommended for areas that won't be irrigated or are otherwise difficult to water, are available for most planters at an additional cost. They are placed below the root ball during planting and filled via an included fill tube/cap positioned above the soil, moistening the soil 9-12" from placement.

#### Installation

Landscape contractors should take care to protect the planters during planting to avoid damage.

### **Care & Maintenance**

Hand wash with a clean microfiber towel, using a PH-neutral soap if necessary. Stains can be addressed via Barkeepers Friend or a Magic Eraser, and should be tested in a non-visible area first. These more caustic cleaners may require the table to be resealed. Touchup kits are available.

## **Packing**

Each item is carefully packed for shipment separately from other items. Though durable pieces, extra care should be taken to avoid chips/scratches while being moved.

#### **Lead Time**

Production time is generally 8 weeks, but may be extended due to large or custom orders.