

## Winter Care for Pottery

Proper winter care is required for all pottery containers in order to protect them from the freeze-thaw cycles which occur in winter. There is no such thing as 100% frost-proof planter. The freeze-thaw cycle in winter will cause any water in the container to freeze and expand which may cause the container to crack. This applies to any planter manufactured from non-elastic materials such as clay, concrete, cast iron and fiberglass.

We suggest that all containers not be left outdoors over the winter where there exists the possibility of rain, snow, ice and freezing temperatures. It is best to store the item in a dry place out of the elements. If you are unable to bring a planter out of the elements, make sure that there is a drainage hole in the planter, and that you place 2 inches of shards or gravel in the bottom of the planter prior to planting to facilitate drainage. Then raise the planter up off the ground on wood slats or pot risers.

Van Atta's will not be responsible for any damage due to weather conditions.

