



# Olla Clay Pot Irrigation

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- ▼ 100% natural
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**Are you looking to conserve water but still want to make sure you aren't under watering your garden?**

There is a simple way to save water without depriving your plants.

Olla (pronounced oy-yah) gardening is an ancient method of drip irrigation that has been used for more than 4000 years. It's thought to have originated in Northern Africa. It's a very efficient watering system and takes the guessing out of when and how often to water your garden... very helpful for areas that are prone to drought and for people who don't have a green thumb. **It is simple, affordable and very easy to use**

## How it works:

The concept is simple. Terra-cotta is porous. After a few hours, water slowly seeps out through the clay wall of the pot, directly irrigating roots around the pots.



Over time the plants' roots literally wrap around the olla. The plants sip nearly every last molecule of water, and because the water source is now in the ground, evaporation is almost nil.

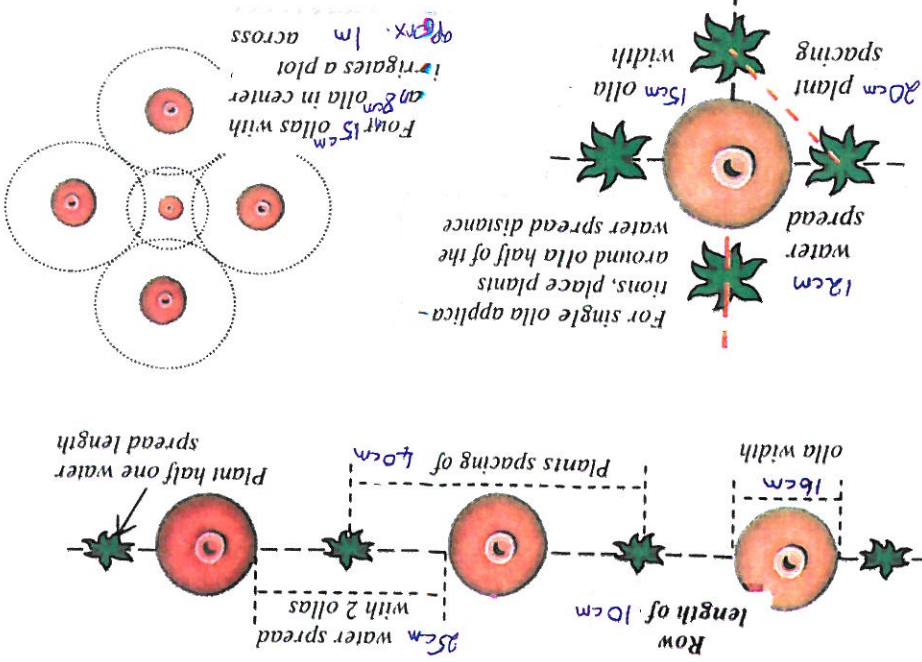
The great thing is you can't over or under water because the plants will take what they need. We fill our pots once or twice per week. The tops of the clay pots extend above ground so the clay pots can be refilled as water is absorbed.

## How to use:

1. Empty and rinse out the pot (there may be ashes from firing present).
2. Bury the Olla, leaving the neck exposed.
3. Plant seeds or plants around the Olla, radius is based on the size of the Olla (See diagram )
4. Fill the Olla with water, put the lid on and let it do the work.

**For best results seal the exposed neck of ollas with a water proofor or paint. This will help to minimise any evaporation.**

Suggested planting guide:



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## Benefits of Olla irrigation:

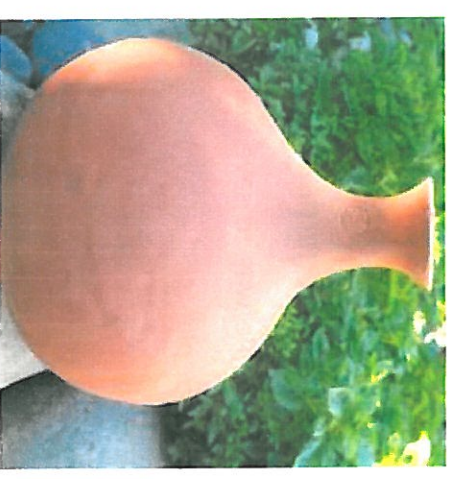
- Water delivered directly to the root zone
- Eliminates runoff and evaporation problems
- Provides plants with steady moisture
- Inexpensive—makes use of local materials
- Low tech and easy to use
- No need for water pressure
- No need for water filters



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