

# Scotland's **GARDENS** Scheme

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## Plant Sales During Covid-19

Our large, formal SGS Plant Sales attract a great many visitors each year and a small plant sale is often an integral part of many of our Garden Openings. Here is some helpful advice to make your Plant Sale, big or small, as safe as possible. The important thing is to still enjoy the day and have fun!



- Hold your sale outside if you can
- Make hand sanitiser available and masks should be worn if indoors
- Spread out into as wide an area as possible and arrange a one-way system for purchasers
- Mark out points for socially distanced queuing
- Try to arrange the plants roughly in order of size – smallest ones at the start of the counter, largest ones at the end, so that customers carry the largest ones the shortest distance
- Use a simple pricing system - coloured labels can work well linked to a sign with pricing
- Exact change only into a bucket – you may need to be flexible at point of payment if people do not have the correct change
- Have a selection of carrier bags, plant trays and boxes for carrying away – customers often arrive without anything to carry purchases. Have these at the start of the plants to avoid people walking backwards and forwards to the payment desk to drop off plants.
- Think about how many helpers you will need. Depending on the size of the sale you may need several people to receive, identify and price the plants. Allow plenty of time before the start of the sale for this to happen, perhaps even the day before if possible. When this has been completed you will ideally need 1-2 people behind the counter, possibly one person overseeing the queue and 1-2 people standing with the plants to answer questions about them.
- Remember, there is new guidance about Plant Passports in relation to plant sales – read more here: <https://scotlandsgardens.org/plant-passports-and-plant-sales/>
- Be safe and enjoy the day!

Always remember to check the latest information and advice from Scottish Government - <https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>