

# PISTACHIA CHINENSIS

## ***DO NOT STORE IN ORGANIC – STORE IN SAND.***

Media appears to be the most important. Like a California Native, plant in media of 60/40. The 60% is coarse organic – no peat moss, coir, ground bark which retain too much water. The 40% is coarse sand (cement sand, not plaster sand), and/or #3 or #4 Perlite, or coarse pumice, or rice hulls. Good aeration is necessary, use coarse organic.

The L. E. Cooke lists Pistachia in our catalog as “*No Guarantee*”. They do not like to be bare rooted, so we dig them last and you need to plant or can them first to minimize time out of the soil

We originally grew *Keith Davey* for the larger wholesalers who knew of the transplant risks. We did not list them in our catalog. As other retail and wholesale nurseries learned we were a source, they requested our sales staff to place an order.

Eventually Keith Davey and the Seedling form were added to our catalog with notes that we do not guarantee them and they must be shipped and planted immediately. Unfortunately orders come via phone, fax, email and all our concerns are not always explained.

### **We suggest the following for care:**

1. Can as soon as received in a media of 60% or less organic. Water in and do not water again until in full leaf. Refer to above. We store in coarse sand and no losses.
2. If you are able, place in a greenhouse until they leaf out. Be sure not to water. They seem to do better with the greenhouse humidity. Still has no guarantee.

In spite of their challenges, we still sell out every year. Sales continue to increase and customers are having success. We see more and more being used as street or parking lot trees because they can take abuse.

Pistachia are great trees for dry desert type climates. We believe roots are sensitive to being too wet and that will happen in high organic and continual watering. The challenge is 100% success when handling bareroot. Our drip system helps develop better root systems.

We welcome any other recommendations. With some varieties, tip pruning brings on faster leafing. We have never had Keith Davey trees in surplus to try experimental pruning. We do ***Wilt Pruf*** the trees after digging to help reduce dehydration.