

Planting in a vegepod:

‘Go To Town We Always Say’

Pack as much as you like in a Vegepod, the cover provides a great growing environment.

Some plants will struggle while others thrive. Experiment, try more plants or less plants and see what works for you. Try growing from seed or for the impatient – just buy punnets of seedlings.

Example quantities

Small Vegepod – 3 punnets

Medium Vegepod – 5 punnets

Large Vegepod – 8 punnets

Punnets of seedlings are available from all garden centres and some larger hardware stores or the best place is your local food market. They range in a price a bit – from about \$3 at the markets to about \$6 or more in some of the garden centres. Things like lettuce, silverbeet or asian greens will come with 8 or 10 plants in a punnet.

Of course quality varies – if the sellers punnets have just arrived they look great, a week later some of them are a little sad. That's why markets are usually the best place to buy.

What to look out for:

If they look healthy and vibrant then they generally are and will handle the transplant well. Always check the leaves of the seedlings, underneath as well. Grubs or aphids might be found, if so leave those alone. Grubs aren't too bad in a covered Vegepod as you can find and eliminate them. But aphids are harder to control without using sprays.

Carrot seedlings are difficult as you need to separate each plant very carefully, meaning you will be removing the soil from them. This will cause the plant distress and take a little longer to start growing. Individual punnets make life much easier especially leafy greens, they can rebound immediately and you can be eating them a few weeks later.

Watering in:

Always give them a good watering in. Using the mist-spray for this is ideal as you won't flatten your precious seedlings. If using a hose or watering can then pick them back up after watering.