

ISLANDSCAPES™

Floating Island Ecosystem

Thank you for purchasing a Freedom Islandscape™. We are excited to have you join our extended family of Islandscape owners. Islandscales are easy to plant and launch - the helpful tips offered in this booklet will guide you through the process.

LIVING FILTRATION

Islandscales mimic a natural peat bog system. Plants and beneficial bacteria absorb excess nutrients consumed by algae. Islandscales are the natural way to achieve clear water.

GROW ALL KINDS OF FLOWERS IN YOUR POND

Terrestrial plants and shrubs thrive in a unique hydroponic environment. Once fully established it's hard to tell an Islandscape from the old dirt and rock kind.



LOW MAINTENANCE

Imagine never needing to water your bedding plants again. You can leave foliage to grow in naturally, or tend your Islandscape garden for the desired appearance.

FISH LOVE 'EM

Islandscales provide shade and safety from predators. A great environment for fish, frogs, salamanders & turtles too.

RECOMMENDED PLANT SPECIES

Marginal Species:

Willows
Cattails
Horsetail
Water Celery
Bluebells

Edible Species:

Lettuce
Strawberry
Snap Peas
Zinnia
Basil

Ornamental Species:

Amaryllis
African Violet
Water Iris
...and many more.

Islandscales can grow almost anything - herb gardens, terrestrial flowers, shrubs, and trees. Nourished by a steady supply of fresh water, bare plant roots are planted directly into specially prepared Islandscape Flexi-Mix.

Visit www.freedomponds.com for more planting suggestions.



STEP 1

Prepare work area

Large fully planted Islandscales can be difficult to move on dry land. For large Islandscales (IP300 & IP400), place a tarp at the shoreline or pond edge. Use the tarp as a work area, then when you are ready to launch the slippery surface makes it easy to slide the Islandscape into the water.

Materials Needed:

- Islandscape™
- Islandscape Flexi-Mix
- Nylon Tether Cord
- Metal Landscape Pins
- Landscape Flags (optional)
- Small Landscape Rocks (to adjust buoyancy, if necessary)
- Serrated Knife
- Turf, Plants or Seeds

Additional Flexi-Mix can be purchased separately, if needed.



• SafeAnchor™ (optional)



STEP 2

(optional)

ANCHOR

Turn your Islandscape upside down. Tie one end of a nylon tether cord to the stainless steel 'D' ring on the underside of the Islandscape. Make sure the cord is long enough to reach the bottom of the pond. (with enough slack to allow variation in the water level.)

Two Methods for Tethering

- Islandscales can be tied to the shoreline for easy maintenance; some people do this the first few weeks while their island is establishing itself.
- Alternately you can tie Islandscales to a heavy submerged object. For ponds with EPDM liners, use Freedom's SafeAnchor™ a soft anchoring system that contours to the bottom of your pond. (sold separately)



Build an Islandscales Archipelago

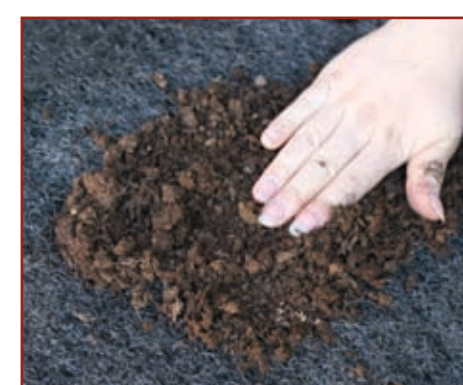
You can easily tether multiple Islandscales™ together to create larger islands or island chains.



STEP 3

FLEXI-MIX

- Turn the Islandscape right side up. Remove as many (or as few) of the 3" pocket plugs as your planting design requires. (You can utilize 1" wicking channels for smaller plants.)



- Fill the planting pockets generously with Islandscales Flexi-Mix.



- Press Flexi-Mix into each of the 1" wicking channels. Use firm pressure to eliminate air. Cover island completely with remaining Flexi-Mix.

IMPORTANT

Use of garden variety soil mix will void your warranty & inhibit plant growth. Islandscales Flexi-Mix offers superior wicking properties (raising water to a height of 7 inches) and its light weight minimizes negative buoyancy allowing for more densely planted Islands.



STEP 4

TURF

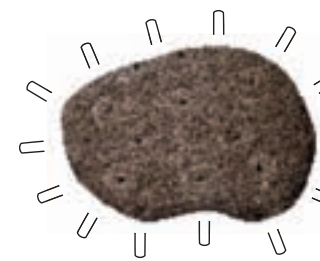
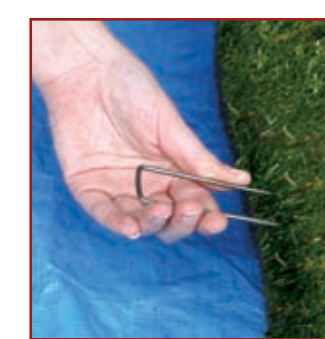
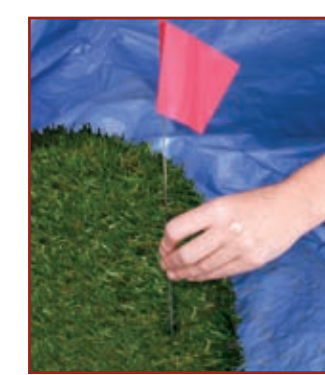
Traditional turf is laden with soil and too heavy for most islands to support. Freedom recommends that you wash roots to remove soil or purchase soil-less turf from a specialty supplier.

- Simply roll turf onto your Islandscape so that its surface is completely covered.

Use landscape flags to keep track of underlying planting pockets while you are fitting the turf into position.

- Trim turf with a serrated knife so that there is a roughly 3 inch overlap; the turf should be flush with the water line when launched.

- Use metal landscape pins to secure turf onto your Islandscape - place pins at one foot intervals around the outside edge of the Islandscape for best results. (see illustration below)



Return this card today and receive these important benefits:

Confirm your warranty - Your prompt product registration confirms your right to the protection available under the terms and conditions of your Freedom warranty.

Protect your product - We will keep the model number and date of purchase of your new Freedom product on file to help you refer to this information in the event of an insurance claim such as fire or theft.

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Each Islandscape is a work of art. Because they are handcrafted slight variations may occur.



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STEP 5 PLANT

- Rinse the soil off terrestrial plants to expose bare roots.
- Place plants into the Islandscape Flexi-Mix as you would any planting bed. If using seeds, simply press the seeds into the Flexi-Mix.



- Pat down the Growing Media firmly.



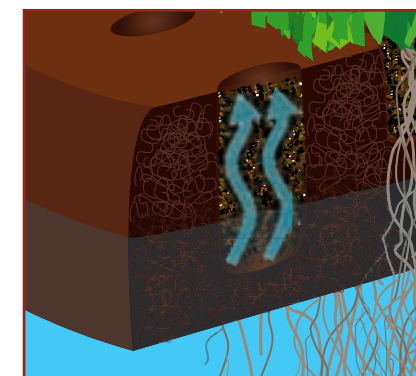
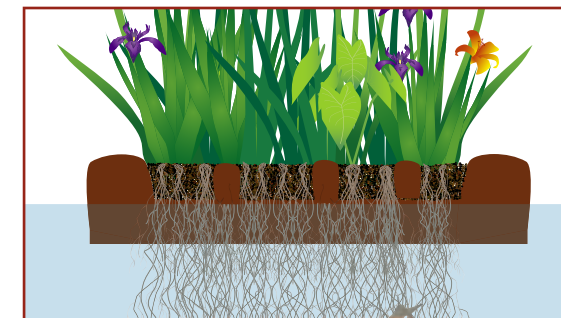
TIP

Use a durable serrated knife to cut through turf roots and reach the planting pockets.



STEP 6 LAUNCH

- Pick up the anchor, or place it on top of the Islandscape. Slide or lift your Islandscape into the water.
- Lower the anchor when the Islandscape reaches the desired location in your pond.
- The top edge of the Islandscape should sit 3 to 5 inches above the water. As a rule of thumb, if half the thickness of the island is showing above water, your Islandscape is floating optimally. If the island floats unevenly or rides too high, you can add evenly spaced landscape rocks to the top of the island. Often these can be removed in a week or so, after the plant roots have grown through the media to the water below.



The bottom of the wicking channels must be in contact with the water so that wicking action can occur. Confirm that the Growing Media is appropriately moist after launch. You can adjust buoyancy by adding or subtracting rocks to the top of the Islandscape.

NEVER WATER AGAIN

You do not need to water your Islandscape due to the wicking action of the Islandscapes Soil Blend.



STEP 7 MAINTAIN

- Check the Islandscape a few days after launch to ensure that water is reaching plant roots. Alternately, if the Islandscape is sitting too low it may appear waterlogged. In either case, you may need to adjust the buoyancy by adding or removing rocks.

- Whether you choose to manicure your island or allow it to grow naturally is purely a matter of personal taste.

- Islandscapes may occasionally float lower in the water after rain. It will resume its normal position in a day or two.

- Your Islandscape can be left in the pond over the winter. It is durable enough to withstand hard winter freezing. For best results trim foliage in fall or spring as you would any terrestrial garden.



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Islandscape Cross Section

Habitat and Beautification

CO₂ Reduction
Phosphate Capture
Diverse Foliage
Versatile Planting Bed
Habitat for Turtles
Frogs, Ducks

Aerobic Filtration

Open Weave Growing Matrix
Wicking Channels for Even Moisture
Fosters Beneficial Bacteria

Habitat and Filtration

Nitrogen Fixing Root Structures
Fish Foraging
Predator Protection
Shade
O₂ Exchange

Islandscapes are made of recycled biomesch bonded by buoyant foam. They are pesticide-herbicide free, and durable enough to withstand hard winter freezing.



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PLANTING GUIDE

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