Tips for Success

Water. Water your plants immediately after taking them out of the box. Give them enough water so that the soil appears damp and water trickles out the bottom of the pot.

Plants look Dry or Foliage appears Lackluster: Sometimes plants may appear dried out and wilted after the voyage. Do not despair. When this happens the foliage may look lackluster but the rootstock is still perfectly healthy and alive. To plump your plants back up, water them and wait 5 minutes and then water them again. This will generally rehydrate them. Keep these plants well-watered until you can re-plant them into larger containers or in the garden within the next week. If plants arrive dry, it is often because the roots have outgrown the small shipping pots and need more room to grow; roots tend to dry out quickly in small containers. Your plants are very much alive and when you transplant them into larger pots or the earth, they will start growing quickly! So, re-plant them as soon as possible. Remove any yellow or brown foliage. If a lot of the plant's foliage has yellowed, you may cut the foliage back to just above the soil line. This will give your plant a chance to restart, and it encourages bushier, thicker growth.

Time to Plant! Your plants are now ready to be replanted. Follow the planting guide inside for detailed instructions on how to most effectively plant your new plants.

Where to Plant: These heat loving, wind resistant plants are perfect for planting along the borders in the full sun, in containers on the patio or balcony of a windy apartment or condo, or in a hanging basket that will allow them to cascade over the edges.

Passion Fruit' Lantana: Transport yourself to a tropical beach with this 'PassionFruit' Lantana. Not only do the colors of the blooms look like a tropical fruit salad, but the flowers smell like a fresh passion fruit! You'll have to grow to believe. Flowers bloom in multiple colors such a pinks, oranges, and yellows and begin in early summer and continue till the first frost. Its natural trailing habit makes it a winner in hanging baskets, which is why every collection comes with a 12" cocofiber lined basket.

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Annual and Tropical Plants





'Passion Fruit' LantanaLantana camara hybrids



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Quick Reference Plant Type: Tender Perennial (Annual) Light/Sun: Full Sun Mature Height: 12-16" Bloom Time: Summer, by second season

Planting Steps

USDA Hardiness Zones: 9 to 11

Step / Remove plants from their box and take off other packing materials. Open your box outside or somewhere you don't mind getting messy, as some of the soil may have been shaken loose in transit.

Step 2 Check if your plant is thirsty. They probably need a nice drink of water after their voyage. If the plant feels light or the soil is dry to the touch, give your plants a watering.

Step 3 Allow your plants time to adjust to their new home before re-planting by placing them in a warm sunny spot for 1-2 days. Then they will be ready for re-planting with renewed vigor.

Step 4 Pull away or cut off any yellow or brown leaves, or any old flowers – this is normal.

Step 5 Transplant into the garden or containers as soon as evening temperatures stay above 40F. Dig holes the width of the root ball and deep enough so that the original top of the soil is flush with the new soil line. Water the new location before and after planting your plant. This will help the young roots stay hydrated. Once you've placed your plant in the hole, fill in the rest of the hole with extra soil or potting mix, ensuring the entire root system is covered with soil.

Plant Caretaking

Upon Arrival: Please take plants out of the box immediately and remove any shipping materials from around the plants. Give them some water and place them in a warm sunny area for 1-2 days before replanting.

Planting Depth & Spacing: Dig a deep enough hole so that the entire plant easily fits into the hole and the top of the soil line of your plant is flush with the top of the soil in the hole you have dug. It is important that the soil line of your plant does not protrude above the soil line in the ground or container. Space plants the about the mature spread of the plant as shown in the Quick Reference section.

Potted Plants: Make sure your container has holes to allow excess water to drain. You may place one plant in an 8-10" container, or plant multiple together in a larger container, for example all three together in a hanging basket for an incredibly rich display.

Soil Preparation: If your soil is clayish, amend it with standard potting mix to improve drainage. Lantana will do well in relatively poor, rocky soil. They need good drainage to thrive.

Watering: To determine if your plant needs water, put your finger in the top of the soil and if the top inch is dry, it is time to water. It is important to make sure young plants do not experience long periods of dryness. However, they also do not like soggy conditions.

Fertilizer: Use a well balanced fertilizer a few weeks after planting and all summer long.

Pet Considerations: Ensure your pets do not consume plants.

Winter Care: In warm winter areas these will remain evergreen and produce flowers on and off year round. If you live where winters are cold, you may treat them as an annual or overwinter them in a sheltered area such as a shed or garage. If overwintering them inside, cut the plants back to the soil before sheltering them.

