

Tips for Success

Water: Water your plants immediately after planting them and once every few days all summer long. Plants in containers will generally require water more often than those in the ground.

Do They Need a Winter Freeze?: Lily bulbs must be cool in the winter to produce flowers each summer. If you live where winters are warm, it is necessary to grow your bulbs in containers that you can place somewhere so they can get at least 8 weeks of temperatures below 50F. In the garden these bulbs can handle winter temperatures down to about minus -30F. In pots they can take temperatures to about 0F.

Do I Need to Divide the Bulbs?: After about 4-5 years you may divide the bulbs into small pear size divisions and replant. However, this is not necessary.

Oriental Lilies: Oriental Lilies are some of the easiest and most rewarding of all plants in the garden. By simply getting the bulbs in some soil, a little water and sunshine, before you know it you'll be enjoying large, fragrant flowers. Starfighter Lilies measure up to 6-8" across, with deep pink and red flowers heavily speckled. Richly fragrant blooms last for weeks in the garden beds or in container. Each bulb can produce 5-7 flowers.



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Starfighter Oriental Lily

Lilium orientalis hybrids

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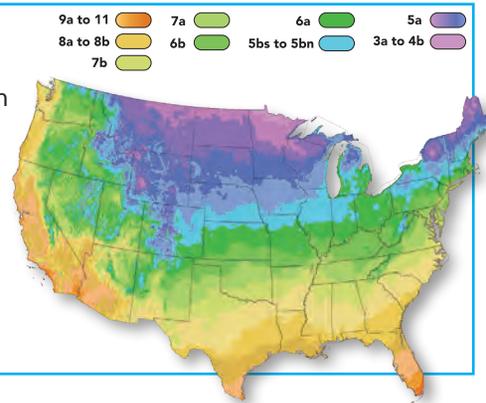
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what you create,
it's what you notice."

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Quick Reference

-  **Plant Type:** Perennial
-  **Light/Sun:** Full to Partial Sun
-  **Mature Height:** 24-36"
-  **Mature Spread:** 12-16"
-  **Bloom Time:** Summer, by second season
-  **USDA Hardiness Zones:** 4 to 9



Plant Caretaking

Upon Arrival: Please take bulbs out of the box and discard any pieces of root that may have broken off the bulbs in transit. Plant as soon as possible. They may be stored for up to three weeks in a cool, dark area.

Planting Depth & Spacing: Dig a deep enough hole so that the entire bulb easily fits into the hole and the top of the bulb can be covered with 4 inches of soil. Space about 6-8" apart.

Potted Plants: Make sure your container has holes to allow excess water to drain. You may plant one bulb in a 6 inch pot or plant multiple together in a larger container. In containers you may cluster them a bit more closely.

Soil Preparation: If your soil is clayish, amend it with standard potting mix to improve drainage. These bulbs are pretty resilient and will grow in just about any soil conditions.

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. Water upon planting and a couple times a week all summer long.

Fertilizer: Use PWD Time Release Fertilizer a couple weeks after planting once you've seen green growth sprout. Do not fertilize after the flowers have finished.

Pet Considerations: Ensure your pets do not consume plants.

After Bloom Care: Allow the foliage to remain on the plants for about 8 weeks after the flowers have finished. This allows them to store up energy for the following season. In late autumn, cut the stems back to the ground. Lily bulbs need at least 8 weeks of temperatures below 50F in the winter, so if you live where winters stay warm, find somewhere cool to keep your plants during the winter season.

Planting Steps

Step 1 Remove bulbs from their boxes. You may store them in a cool, dark area for up to three weeks if you are unable to plant right away. Discard any unattached pieces of old roots that may have broken off in transit.

Step 2 Dig a hole that is about 6-8 inches deep and just wide enough to easily fit the bulb. Place the bulb in so that the pointed end is pointing upwards and the roots going down. Cover the top of the bulbs' pointed ends with 4 inches of soil. Water in bulbs well.



Step 3 Space bulbs about 6 inches apart in the ground or in containers. You should start to see sprouts occur within a few weeks. Once you see green growth occur, you may fertilize your plants.

