

# CALADIUM PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS

For outdoor planting, bulbs should be planted when night temperatures are 65 degrees Fahrenheit or above and the soil is warm to the touch, (about the first of May in Lubbock area). They should be planted 2 inches deep and about 6 to 8 inches apart (unless mass planting in pots). Ideal conditions are partial sun and partial shade. Keep in mind that the lighter the leaf color the more sun they will tolerate. White tolerating the most sun and red tolerating the least sun.

Remember that the more light that they are exposed to the more water they will require. The soil should be light and well drained. Leaf mold or peat moss should be added for better results. These plants require little water at first to prevent deterioration, then water freely when leaves appear.

Caladiums may also be used as cut flowers. We recommend cutting the leaves at least 36 hours prior to using them. Cut them off near the bottom of the stem and immediately set stems in water. They will go through a wilt stage during the first 24 hours, however, they will perk up. They should last in an arrangement for 2 to 3 weeks.

To store your bulbs from year to year we suggest digging them after your first cool spell. Allow them to cure for 7 to 10 days before storing. Store them in something ventilated such as old pantyhose or an onion sack. Keep them above 65 degrees until time for planting again.

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