

## **DAYLILIES – HEMEROCALLIS**

THE NUMBER ONE SUN LOVING PERENNIAL IN THE USA!!

A hardy herbaceous perennial producing large numbers of brightly coloured lily like flowers. Each flower lasts only one day but several are borne on one stem (scape). Height varies from 25cm to 1m.

Miniature forms are particularly suited to smaller gardens. May be successfully grown in pots – great for patios and balconies. Majority are evergreen, however, a few are dormant, disappearing underground during winter to re-emerge in spring.

**ASPECT** Full sun, at least 6 hours per day preferred, darker ones can tolerate some shade. Efficient soil binders on sloping ground.

**SOIL** Any type. Enrich with organic matter – old manures, compost, blood and bone.

**WATER** Relatively drought resistant. For best blooms and growth water twice weekly spring through autumn. Mulch heavily in summer.

**FERTILIZER** Handful of slow release, eg Osmocote, at planting. Apply well-balanced organic fertilizer Aug/Sept and late Feb/March. Fortnightly soluble foliar feed will improve quality and quantity of blooms.

**WHEN TO PLANT** All year; avoid frosts and hottest months, if possible. Cover crown with soil (approximately 1-2cm deep). Clump may be dug up and split every 3 to 4 years.

**PESTS** Virtually disease free. Watch for slugs, snails, aphids and spider mites in hot dry weather.

**AFTER FLOWERING** Remove spent flower stems and dying leaves, use as mulch. Foliage may be trimmed back early winter if desired.

**ALTHOUGH YOUR NEW DAYLILY IS OF FLOWERING SIZE AND WILL BLOOM THIS SEASON, BEST RESULTS WILL BE OBTAINED NEXT AND SUBSEQUENT FLOWERING SEASONS.**

**ENJOY THEIR UNIQUE BEAUTY!**



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