

Plant "Imagination"

Lilium Longiflorum

Easter Lilies abound just in advance of Easter. They make a great gift for Mom or Grandma, or simply to decorate your home or office with a splash of early spring bloom. When selecting Easter Lilies, buy ones that are just beginning to open. The blooms will only last a few days, so selecting one about to open will allow you the maximum bloom time in your home.

Don't throw me away! After Easter when my blooms begin to fade and die off, plant me in a container or in your flower bed. Easter Lilies will grow and bloom in your flower garden for years.

How to Grow Easter Lilies:

Most people buy potted plants for Easter so let's begin with a blooming plant, and discuss planting Easter lilies outdoors. After the flower has died, off continue to grow the Lily in it's container until the last frost in your area. Then, transplant your Easter Lily in a flower garden. It prefers somewhat rich soil, fairly well drained, and full sun. It should be allowed to continue to grow. Like other spring bulbs, the plant will naturally die off as summer arrives.

In the fall, apply bulb fertilizer or blood meal on top of the soil where your Easter Lily plant is resting. Carefully, work the fertilizer in without disturbing the bulbs. In colder climates, add a layer of mulch on top of the soil to protect the bulb from freezing.

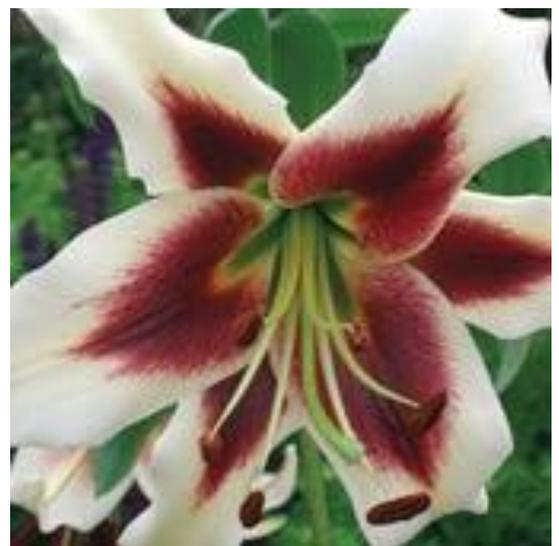
Your transplanted Easter Lily should awaken the following spring. They will bloom in late spring. However, it may not bloom until the second year after it is transplanted. Many bulbs that have been forced to bloom need a year to recover and return to a normal cycle. Then again, perhaps you'll be one of the lucky ones to see a transplanted Easter Lily bloom the following spring.

Newer varieties of Lilium



Magic Star Double Oriental, 2011 MGA Green Thumb Award winner!

Combining the intense fragrance of their single counterparts with rich colors and a double set of flower petals – sometimes even triple! Great drainage and full sun are essential. These flowers are so massive it sometimes takes a year or two in the garden for them to reach their full impressive



Beverly Anne Giant Hybrid—up to 8'

The sturdy stems on these Lilies can reach a height of 3-4', with large, sweet smelling blooms 3-6" in size in the first year alone. By the second year, they can shoot up to 5-6', and within 3 years 6-8' with masses of beautiful blooms. They can produce multiple stems from a single bulb.

Where to buy or more info -

<http://www.kvbwholesale.com/category/Lilies?p=3601640&gclid=CJeJrJqNmbYCFcw7MgodrHAArQ>