



GROWING YOUR CALLA LILIES



Common Name: CALLA LILY Also known as Zantedeschia

Botanical Name: Zantedeschia hybrids **Family Name:** Araceae

Plant Type: Tuberous Perennial **Size:** 30–70cm H x 15–20cm W

Planting Time: Late Winter to Spring

Positioning: Full Sun, Prefers Morning

Flowering: Late Spring (Warm Climates), Summer (Cool Climates)

Planting Width: 20cm, **Depth:** 10cm

General Information: Callas have wide range of climate tolerance, except extreme heat and cold. An attractive foliage plant, they need 6 hrs of sun to flower-more shade results in more foliage but will decrease flowering.

Soil: A rich, moist soil, with plenty of organic matter added is required. Soil needs to be well drained as bulb will rot if kept too wet.

Watering: During summer they need to be kept moist; dryness will trigger dormancy.

Fertilising: Well-rotted animal manure, blood and bone or a complete fertiliser for flowering plants can be worked into the soil before planting. An annual application of fertiliser is necessary if plants are grown in pots. Nitrogen rich and fresh animal manure is not recommended.

Pruning: Bulbs can be left in the ground for several years. Plants will die down in winter and can be lifted and clumps divided if required. Likes deep watering, being left undisturbed, morning sun and hot afternoon shade.

Dislikes severe frost and waterlogged ground.

✓ **Ideal for** patio pots, long-lasting cut flowers and is an excellent garden plant.

C Tips: In cool climates do not plant until August. Often will not flower the first season after planting. Plant rough side up. If planting in pots: 1 bulb for 15cm pot. 3 bulbs for 30cm pot.