



GROWING YOUR LILY OF THE VALLEY



Common Name: LILY OF THE VALLEY

Botanical Name: *Convallaria majalis*

Family Name: Liliaceae

Plant Type: Rhizome **Size:** 20m H x 30m W

Planting Time: Winter

Flowering: Spring

Planting Width: 10cm, **Depth:** Pips to 3cm.

Positioning: Semi Shade.

General Information: Delightful woodland plant with a wonderful fragrance. Widely used in bridal bouquets.

Soil: Well drained , moist, humus rich soil is required.

Watering: Needs to be kept moist during spring and summer

Fertilising: Well-rotted animal manure, blood and bone or a complete fertiliser should be worked into the soil before planting. A top dressing of well-decayed animal manure in winter will also assist growth and produce larger blooms. Also likes to be mulched regularly with a leafy moss or compost.

Pruning: Leave undisturbed once established. Likes a cool, damp shady Position.

Dislikes warm humid weather and acid soils.

Pests: Aphids, snails and slugs.

✓ **Ideal for** pots, under trees. Highly prized as a cut flower.

C Tips: Lily of the Valley take a few years to become established and are best when undisturbed. More suited to coldclimates and will bloom best after a hard, cold winter.