



GROWING YOUR WATER LILLIES



Common Name: WATER LILIES

Botanical Name: *Nymphaea hybrids*

Family Name: Nymphaeaceae

Plant Type: Rhizome **Size:** 35cm H x 40 – 50cm W

Planting Width: 50 - 70cm.

Flowering: Late Spring to Mid Summer

Depth: 45cm Plant the tubers lying flat.

Positioning: Full Sun

General Information: Water lilies are available in a variety of colours.

Soil: In the pond: plant in a sandy soil at the bottom of the pond, covering the tuber with only an inch or two of soil. A light layer of sand or gravel will stop the soil from floating away. For planting in a pot, enrich garden soil with well rotted manure and blood & bone, or use a slow release tablet especially for aquatic plants. (This method is recommended, as maintenance is easier)

Watering: Must be grown in water depth of at least 45cm and will grown in water up to 1.8m deep.

Fertilising: Fertilise in spring using slow release tablets for waterplants.

Pruning: Lift and divide the plants every 3 – 4 years. Dislikes Shallow Water.

Pests: Pest Resistant.

✓ **Ideal for** Ponds, Dams or Water Features.

C Tips: Will flower best in an area that gets at least 5 hours of sunlight per day. Water lilies are compatible with fish in