

DROUGHT-HARDY, WATER-SAVING DAYLILIES

Dear Garden Lovers

Daylilies are the perfect choice during times of drought and water restrictions. You'll find them dependable, even in the toughest conditions. They're drought tolerant, frost hardy, low maintenance, and so easy to grow. What's more, daylilies don't mind if you pour your grey water all over them!

So, if you've never grown them before, please make 2007 the year you plant these beautiful perennials in your garden. I guarantee you'll be delighted by their dynamic blooms for many years to come.

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DAYLILIES ARE:

1. Not Just For One Day!

Daylilies produce plenty of blooms throughout spring, summer & early autumn. Note the many buds on the stems! **Just Dynamite** was in bloom for 3 months during late spring & summer, & again in Feb/Mar.



2. Easy To Maintain

Occasional watering & removal of old stems & leaves is all that's required to ensure your established daylily clumps look great (even when they are not in flower).

3. Vigorous Growers



(a) Single Division Plant (b) After One Month (c) After One Year

This is the beauty of growing modern daylilies- they multiply so quickly & yet are not invasive!

4. Easy To Plant



After preparing the soil, spread the roots over a mound - making sure the crown is 2 cm under the soil surface. Don't plant too deeply - it's not a bulb!



Sprinkle a handful of organic fertiliser on the surface around the plant, water gently to remove any air bubbles from around the roots, then mulch.

5. Easy To Grow in Pots

Perfect for the patio or small garden, but regular watering & feeding is required. This striking red, **Scarlet Gem** has performed well in this 40cm square tub on a patio. To purchase this daylily please refer to the order form.



6. Easy To Divide



Every 2 to 3 years you can dig up clumps & divide them. Knock off the soil, & trim back leaves & roots so that you can see the divisions.

Cut down between the divisions & roots with a sharp knife. Daylilies are tough, so don't worry if you cut into the crown or roots.

Pull apart the divisions, & cut back any long roots. Now you are ready to plant into prepared beds. You'll end up with many new plants.



This double division has been planted in the nursery. Roots have been trimmed back, & crown is 2cm under the surface. Refer to 3 (b) - you'll see that the old roots die off and new roots quickly grow from the crown. Note the new bulbous roots & the old ones in 3 (a). Daylilies store food & water in these roots. This is why they are so hardy & can survive during tough times.

7. Daylilies are perennials

This means that the plants grow, flower and multiply each year, providing they get at least 6 hours of sunlight a day. Two and three year old clumps can produce hundreds of flowers over many months, year after year.

8. Use of Water Crystals

If you are in a long-term drought area, we recommend the use of water crystals as they greatly increase the water holding capacity of the soil, which will help sustain your daylilies during tough conditions.

"Having used grey water during droughts, it was great to read that the laundry detergent I've been using for the past year will be suitable to use again this summer. We lost many plants while we have been away, but our daylilies are as healthy as normal." VH, Diamond Ck, Vic

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