



How to Grow Hibiscus

Position – Full sun or part shade

Soil – Fertile, moist and well-drained

Flowering Period – August to September

Hardiness – Hardy to tender (dependant on variety)

About Hibiscus

Hibiscus are annual or perennial shrubs and trees with either deciduous or evergreen qualities, dependant on the variety. These shrubs display textured oak-like foliage and large delicate blooms that are available in a selection of colours. Hibiscus are highly attractive as part of flower beds and borders alongside container planting and hedging. They are versatile shrubs for a variety of styles including cottage, informal and courtyard gardens. You should expect to see Hibiscus grow to an approximate height of 3m (10') and a spread of 1.8m (6').

How to plant Hibiscus

Hibiscus are best planted in fertile, moist and well-drained soil of sand, clay, chalk and loam within an alkaline or neutral PH balance. The best time to plant your Hibiscus is during the spring where they should be spaced at least 8cm (3") apart. Dig a hole as deep as the root ball and at least double the width. Amend your soil type with a generous amount of compost, especially if the quality of the soil is poor. Water your shrub thoroughly to settle the root ball and shrub in place. Position Hibiscus in an area of full sun or part shade.

How to care for Hibiscus

Make sure that your Hibiscus is planted in well-draining soil. Water 2-3 times a week when your Hibiscus is still young to keep the soil moist. Then, once your Hibiscus is established a deep water once a week should be plenty.

It is recommended that you feed your shrubs twice a month during active growth to encourage optimum health and development. You may also wish to prune Hibiscus to control the plant size whilst retaining a neat and orderly shape and structure.

How to propagate Hibiscus

It is possible to propagate Hibiscus by semi-hardwood cuttings.