

LILIES ARE LOVELY!

Lilies are one of the easiest bulbs to plant and grow and the flowers they produce are some of the most stunning in the world. Their success rate is high and the results are very gratifying. They require moist but **well-drained soil** to thrive and will take some partial shade but love full sun. There are heights and colours for every taste and you can even choose to have fragrance or not. In most areas of Canada they enjoy a relatively pest-free life which makes them a joy to grow. If you happen to live in an area where there is the lily beetle problem there is a tip sheet on our website that you can access for additional help. So take a look at the varieties we carry and see which ones suit you and your amazing garden space. There certainly are enough to choose from and regardless of which ones decide to plant you can rest assured that once they begin to bloom in the summer they'll be stopping traffic around your garden!

The Orientals, which have an amazing fragrance, will catch you off guard from across the garden and draw you right to them. Their petals seem almost unreal with their velvety texture and bright colours and the amount of blooms from one stem only magnifies their beauty!

The Asiatic Lilies have thick and shiny petals and foliage and they are fragrance-free which can be a blessing for those who have an aversion to strong scents. The colours are big, bold and beautiful.

The Longiflorum Lilies are loved for their strong stems, which do well in supporting these graceful yet enormous flowers. They have a sweet fragrance that can be very appealing indoors so be sure to grow enough to be able to enjoy them both inside and out.

Asiatic LA hybrids are a delightful cross between the Longiflorum and Asiatic lilies and this unique combination produces flowers that are the best of both. You will love the blooms with their slightly elongated Asiatic look and their beautiful strong stems. These lilies last a long time as a cut flower and they are fragrance-free so if there are any allergy concerns these are the perfect choice.

The Trumpet Lilies are majestic and tower over other plants both in height and size of their blooms. Their fragrance is a little subtler while their size commands you to come over and get a better look at them.

Newer to the market are the Oriental Trumpet Lilies, which are actually a hybrid mix of both varieties, taking the best qualities of each; they produce colourful, fragrant lilies of unequalled size. It just doesn't get much better than that!

The Pot Lilies are particularly beautiful and can be used everywhere in the garden because as their name suggests: they are shorter in stature and they thrive in pots. You can choose the Oriental Pot Lilies for their fragrance or the Asiatics because they don't have any fragrance. Either way they can

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provide you with stunning colour and interest in the garden and you can move them to any area you wish.

The Tiger Lilies remind us of when we were young as we had them growing all over the yard in old, well-established clumps. They are bright and beautiful and you have to love the freckles that line the petals of every flower. They are now available in pink and white and yellow so the tried and true orange will not stand-alone.

The Novelty Lily section of the Botanus catalogue is comprised of a nice variety of lilies that reflect their more natural, native appearance. This is usually reflected in the smaller, sharply reflexed petals. But don't be fooled. These varieties are extremely hardy and pack a punch of fragrance!