

# Voodoo Lily

## **General Information:**

Voodoo Lily is an astonishing plant. Place it in a window, without soil or water, and it sends up a bizarre-looking flower. Later, the tuber can be planted to grow into a foliage plant. These tubers are sometimes available in winter or early spring. Lay them in the window and in only a couple of weeks a flower spike will appear. Unfortunately, the flower has a putrid odor, and at this point many choose to move the plant outside to a frost free area.

## **Light & Temperature:**

The pot can be placed in a sunny position in early spring, but must be moved into the part shade as soon as the sun has any strength. The green leaves, which appear after flowering, can be scorched and damaged by full sunlight. Stand the plant in a warm place. Avoid noon day sun. 2-3 hours of morning or afternoon sun is good.

## **Water:**

No watering while in flower. After planting, water when the soil feels dry. When the leaves are full grown, keep soil barely moist.

## **Fertilizer:**

Feed a little when the leaves begin to appear and then at occasional intervals through the summer. Use 15-30-15

## **Soil & Transplanting:**

Plant the tuber in well-drained potting soil after flowering. When flowering is over, plant the tuber about 3-4 inches deep in a large pot (12-14 in.) of well-drained soil. Place the pot outdoors in a warm and sheltered location at the end of April. When the weather turns warmer and the days are longer, the pot should be placed in partial shade, although still in a warm and sheltered location. Avoid noon day sun. During the growing season the old tuber withers and a new one grows over it. The roots pull the new tuber down to the same depth of the old one. When night frosts have caused both leaves and stems to wither, the tuber can be taken up and over-wintered in dry, frost-free place. The whole cycle can start again the next spring.

## **Grooming:**

Trim off any remaining vegetation before storing for winter.

## **Propagating:**

By offsets which will form on older bulbs.

## **Environment:**

Voodoo Lily is fun to try and makes an unusual gift plant. After flowering it grows into a large, attractive foliage plant in a warm, partly shady, outdoor location.