





# Cut Flower Calla Growing Instructions



Open the package when they arrive and allow the bulbs to sit for a 2-3 days so any scratches from shipping can cure and “heal”.

Plant with the smooth side down, with 2” of soil above the bulb. Roots grow from the top and curl down around the bulb to then grow down. If planting in crates, plant just five per crate.

Water them thoroughly when planting, then no more water until they have leaves that have grown and unfurled. You want them on the dry side when young so they grow lots of roots.

Grow in afternoon shade (if possible) or under 50% shade cloth to get longer stems and help keep the soil cool. If grown in crates or pots, make sure they are on the ground, not up on benches where the soil gets too warm. Covering lightly with straw will help keep the sun from warming the pot/crate or ground and making the soil too warm. They like cool roots, and warm leaves.

Once the plants are big and leafy, and flowers start to appear, they will need more water, a couple times a week, but only when soil has started to dry. Too much water is not good.

Plants will start to bloom 7-8 weeks after planting, and continue for about four weeks.

Pull the stems to harvest. Harvest every three to four days. Leaves can also be pulled and used for filler in bouquets.

Bulbs can be dug and stored in a frost free place for planting next year, but will need to be treated with ProGibb (gibberellic acid) to encourage more flowers. Untreated bulbs may only have one or two flowers in future years. If saving, do not split the bulbs. That opens them up to possible erwinia rot. (Smells like rotten potatoes)

The most important things are to keep them on the dry side when young, and keep the soil as cool as possible.