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Bougainvillea

Bougainvillea are extremely heat tolerant, woody tropical plants with very long lasting "flowers". The flowers are actually brightly colored bracts that surround the small white tubes that are the true flower. Bougainvillea bloom in cycles: a bloom period followed by 6-8 weeks of "rest", then blooming again. They are fairly easy to overwinter if you have a cool space in your home, or can even be treated like a houseplant in winter if you have a sunny window or sunroom.

Potting-Do not plant Bougainvillea in a container too much larger than the one it was sold in. Make sure the container has drainage holes. Use a potting or container soil that drains very well and does not have "water crystals" added. Additionally, consider amending soil with 10-20% soil conditioner. Be very gentle with the roots when transplanting-they are shallow and somewhat weak (thin).

Light-Make sure your Bougainvillea gets at least 6 hours of full sun a day for good blooming. If the location where you place your Bougainvillea gets sun from only one side, turn them every few days to prevent leaning.

Water- Overwatering can be a problem with Bougainvillea so water only when the soil is dry. If you want to be sure not to over water, wait to water until you see a slight wilt. When you do water, be thorough, saturating the roots and allowing water to drain through the bottom of the container.

Fertilizer-Use a "bloom booster" fertilizer every other week according to label directions, even during the rest period. Avoid using a high nitrogen fertilizer; it will result in plenty of green growth, but fewer flowers (it also attracts aphids). If the foliage turns yellowish, use liquid iron.

Pests-Bougainvillea doesn't suffer from many plant pests. Occasionally whitefly or aphids can be seen. Treat with any pesticide labeled for ornamentals according to package directions if spotted.

Pruning- Bougainvillea flower on new growth, so trim back as soon as all current flowers are faded and no new buds are visible at the tips. Prune very long shoots back any time to encourage new growth and flowering.

See [Info Sheet-Overwintering Tropicals](#) to see how to keep them over the winter.

