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Step 1: Remove rhizomes from their box and take off other packing materials. Open your box outside or somewhere you don’t mind getting messy.

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Light/Sun: Partial Sun to Partial Shade

Mature Height: 2-3’

Mature Spread: 2-3’

Bloom Time: Summer, by second season

USDA Hardiness Zones: 4 to 8

Planting Depth & Spacing: Dig a deep enough hole so that the entire rhizome easily fits into the hole with the eyes about 1/2” beneath the surface of the soil. Space plants about 2’ away from one another in the garden.

Potted Plants: Make sure your container has holes to allow excess water to drain. Pot one plant in a 12-15” container, or you may plant multiple plants in a larger container.

Soil Preparation: If your soil is clayish, amend it with standard potting mix to improve drainage.

Watering: To determine if your plant needs water, put your finger in the top of the soil and if the top inch is dry, it is time to water. It is important to make sure young plants do not experience long periods of dryness. However, they also do not like soggy conditions. Especially during the first season, it is important that your plants stay moist. Once plants are established, by the second or third season, they will not require as much water.

Fertilizer: Use PWD Time Release Fertilizer a couple weeks after planting once you see green growth sprouting.

Pet Considerations: Ensure your pets do not consume plants.

Pruning: You may cut away spent flowers to encourage a better appearance on your plants, although this will not prolong the bloom season.