



## **CARING FOR AND OVER-WINTERING AGAPANATHUS (LILY OF THE NILE)**

Agapanthus grows best in full sun in fertile, moist, well-drained soil. It is a good choice for containers, actually flowering best if kept somewhat pot bound. Fertilize every two weeks while the weather is warm, using a balanced fertilizer diluted to half the recommended strength.

If you wish to keep it over the winter, treat it like a houseplant, keeping it on the dry side in a bright cool spot. This is a long-day responsive plant. Plants can be forced into earlier bloom by putting them under supplementary lights in the spring. Do not put outside until late May, when all danger of frost has passed. The soil temperature needs to be at about 70° before plants really get going.