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Lilium 'Hotel California'

Plant Height: 3 feet

Flower Height: 4 feet

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Group/Class: Asiatic Hybrid

Description:

Eye-catching 7" blooms make an excellent addition to cutting gardens, beds and borders; outward facing, fragrant orange-yellow blooms with red flames and reflexed petals over narrow green foliage; blooms mid to late summer; attracts pollinators

Ornamental Features

Hotel California Lily features bold lightly-scented nodding gold trumpet-shaped flowers with orange overtones and red streaks at the ends of the stems from mid to late summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its narrow leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Hotel California Lily is an herbaceous perennial with a rigidly upright and towering form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects
- Disease

Hotel California Lily is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Hotel California Lily flowers
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Planting & Growing

Hotel California Lily will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity extending to 4 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. It tends to be leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and should be underplanted with lower-growing perennials. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by multiplication of the underground bulbs; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Hotel California Lily is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.