

Hosta

Hostas are easy to grow, shade perennial plants that display an array of various colors, sizes, textures and shapes. Flowers range from lavender to white and many are fragrant!

Growing Requirements

Hostas aren't picky about soil but benefit from moist soil that is well drained. They prefer partial shade but many can take quite a bit of sun (avoid mid-day sun.)

Planting

Plant in loose and well drained soil in a shady spot. Amend the soil with organic matter or compost. Add a slow release fertilizer to the soil. Place in the hole so that the clump is level with the ground. Water thoroughly. Space 2 to 4 feet apart, allowing room for growth. Leave undisturbed for several years.

Care

Because hostas are usually grown under trees that compete for moisture make sure the plants get enough water during the growing season. Mulch will keep the roots an even temperature and prevent competition from weeds. Use slow release fertilizer. When discolored, unattractive or killed by frost remove leaves or cut back to the surface.

Pests

Snails and slugs are the most common pests of hostas. Slug and Snail Bait applied to the area around your hostas will help deter these pests. Voles and deer can also be a problem.

Dividing/Propagating

Divide Hostas in the early spring as soon as they start to break ground. Either cut away a section of a clump with its roots or lift the clump and separate it, using clean, sharp tools. Replant the new plants promptly and water well. Space plants 1 to 3 feet apart, allowing room for growth.

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