



USED LILY FAQ

Do I plant them now?

You can plant them now or leave them in the slabs of potting mix. If planting now, just break the slab up into sections containing the bulbs and plant them like that. You don't need to remove all the potting mix.

What do I do with them when I get home?

You need to keep them watered so they do not dry out. Whether they stay in the slabs of mix or you plant them out now, you need to keep them watered. Lily bulbs do not have a skin, so they can dry out quickly, weakening the bulbs.

Where should I plant them?

Lilies prefer full sun, they like warmth. But they don't mind winter cold either, they are very hardy. They love a rich soil full of organic material, working in some compost before planting is always a good idea. Good drainage is important, and, to help keep them damp, mulching with compost on the surface is a great idea.

How deep should they be planted?

Approximately 10 cm deep is about right. That gives enough soil above the bulb to help secure the stem and stop it blowing over in windy conditions.

When will they flower?

These bulbs will recover and start growing again in 3-4 months. In the first re-growth season they will have only one or two buds on the stems as they are still recovering. The next year they will be back to full strength and should have 5-6 buds on a stem.

What are the different lily types?

LA Hybrids are crosses between Longiflorum Lilies and Asiatic lilies. Nothing to do with Los Angeles. This is the main type we grow for a cut flower as they grow well through winter and have bright colours.

OT Hybrid Lilies are crosses between Oriental Lilies and Trumpet Lilies. Strongly fragrant and tall, they are beautiful cut flowers.

Oriental Lilies are highly fragrant, we do not grow as many of these as they need heated greenhouses in winter and our greenhouses are not heated. Double Oriental "Roselilies" are also available as crates of used bulbs from time to time, but are priced higher as the bulbs are very expensive.

Asiatic and Double Asiatic lilies are not so common here as they have been superseded by LA Hybrid lilies.

Christmas lilies are 'Longiflorum' lilies - with long, trumpet shaped blooms. They have a soft fragrance and naturally flower in December.

How often do we sell them?

We sell the used lilies several times a year, when we have enough.

Do we sell off any other used bulbs?

No. Lilies are the only bulbs we grow for a cut flower that can be recovered to grow again.