

Amaryllis

Hippeastrum x hybridum 'Apple Blossom'

A big-blooming favorite, Apple Blossom always produces very large blooms with a lovely pink blush. Each petal is streaked with "apple blossom pink" and showcases a center heart in springtime yellow. Hybrid amaryllis are considered tough, reliable plants that require little care. Amaryllis is grown as a potted plant in most parts of the United States but can also be grown outdoors year round in Florida. When planted outdoors in Florida, amaryllis plants typically bloom in the spring before the leaves develop. Provided with adequate conditions and care, amaryllis plants will produce beautiful blooms year after year. The bulbs may be left in the ground for years.

Type: perennial bulb

USDA hardiness zones: 7b through 11

Uses: border; mass planting; container or above-ground planter; naturalizing; accent

Origin: not native to Florida

Height: 2 to 3 feet **Spread:** 1 to 3 feet

Plant spacing: 12 to 24 inches

Light requirement: full sun to part sun

Soil tolerances: slightly acid; clay; sand; loam; well drained

Drought tolerance: moderate

Soil salt tolerances: high

Invasive potential: none

Pest resistance: occasional damage from diseases and pests

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