

# Canna

## *Canna x generalis*

Cannas are large plants growing to six feet tall and do well during the heat of summer. The leaves are 18 to 36 inches long providing a very coarse texture to the landscape. Although they are often planted alone or in small numbers, they look best in mass plantings. They provide lots of contrast to the landscape and attract attention. Cannas enjoy full sun locations where they produce an abundance of flowers over a long period of time. The plant will grow in the shade but will flower poorly. Set rhizomes about 12 inches apart for a solid mass of coarse-textured bright color during the summer. The roots may be divided in the spring with each division having one or more eyes.

**Type:** tender perennial herb

**USDA hardiness zones:** 4 through 11

**Uses:** container or above-ground planter; border

**Origin:** not native to North America

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

**Plant spacing:** 12 to 18 inches

**Light requirement:** plant grows in full sun

**Soil tolerances:** slightly alkaline; clay; sand; acidic; loam

**Drought tolerance:** moderate

**Soil salt tolerances:** poor

**Invasive potential:** not known to be invasive

**Pest resistance:** long-term health usually not affected by pests

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