



OPEN BOX IMMEDIATELY!

Remove any bubble wrap that may have protected the bulbs & plants in shipping. If not planting now make sure bulbs get air circulation. If you received plants, open the container and water.

Bulb Sprouting The Elephant Ear bulbs take 3-5 weeks to sprout. Please be patient and do not disturb during this time!

Light Elephant Ears- Standard; Upright; Nigra; Black Stem; Violet Stem: Full Sun to Partial Shade.
Elephant Ears- Black Beauty; Black Magic; Elena; Illustris: Partial Shade.
Caladiums: Part sun to shade.
Banana Plants: Full sun.

Hardiness Elephant Ears & Banana Plants: Perennial in zone 8+, annual in colder zones.
Crinum: Perennial in zone 9+, annual in colder zones.

Soil A nice light potting mix containing bark, perlite and peat moss.

Moisture Keep soil damp while getting established; once plant has unfurled its leaves water liberally. Keep plants damp, we suggest that you mulch the soil to retain moisture.

Feeding Feed when planting with an all purpose, slow release fertilizer (we suggest you try something organic) and again when the plant is fully established and leaves are unfurled.

Bulb Reuse* Plan to dig bulbs up when temperatures go below 40F at night. When the temperatures begin to drop, stop watering to allow the bulb to begin to dry out. Trim foliage to around 2" above soil level and dig up bulb. Trim off the remaining stems and roots, dust dirt off and store in a cool dry place that does not get below 40F. Please note that it is very difficult to dry and reuse the upright bulbs because they never actually go dormant.

Plant Reuse* Plan to move pots indoors when temperatures go below 40F at night. Trim foliage to just below the leaves. Reduce watering but do not let in get completely dry. Move back outside in spring.

Indoor Use Only the Alocasia (upright) can be grown indoors year round. All others will go dormant.

Origin Costa Rica & USA

Warning *NOT for human consumption!*

* Reusing the bulbs and plants can be a little tricky, so we cannot guarantee the results.

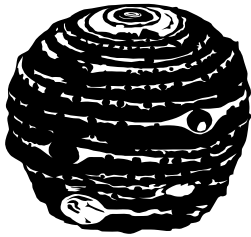
Planting Soil must be above 55F at night for one week before planting outside. To get a head start, plant indoors 4 weeks before you plan to plant outside.

Distance Depends on your desired effect. In the ground, plant approx. 2-4 feet apart, depending on bulb/plant size. For pots, please review the chart to the right. (Crinum may be planted closer together.)

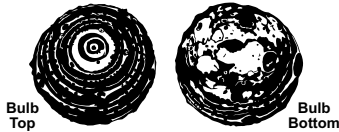
Bulb	Container
9-11"	2-3 gallon
13"+	3 gallon
Potted	2-3 gallon

Elephant Ears Standard

4"
Below
Soil Level



- There is nothing you need to do to prepare the bulb!
- Plant the bulb around 4" below the soil level.



Caladiums

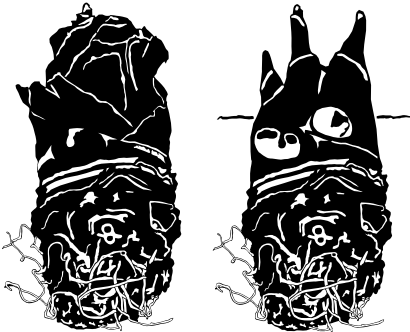
2"
Below
Soil Level



- There is nothing you need to do to prepare the bulbs!
- Plant the bulb around 2" below the soil level.
- Getting this bulb "right side up" is not crucial.
- Ground: 2-4" apart
Potted: 4-6" apart
- Must be stored above 60F.

Elephant Ears Upright & Specialty

Peel Back
Upper "Skin"
Plant at
Soil Level

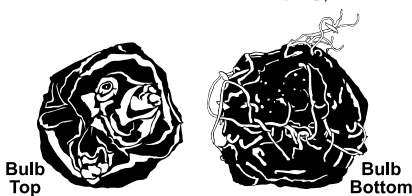


Upright

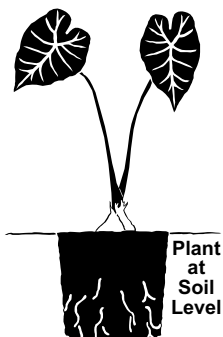
- Peel back the "skin" on the top of the bulb to expose the green shoots.
- Plant the bulb around so that the peeled area is exposed and the roots are below the soil level.

Specialty

- There is nothing you need to do to prepare the bulb!
- Plant the bulb around so that the sprouts (around 1-2") are exposed and the roots are below the soil level.



Potted- Elephant Ears & Banana Plants



- Unpack and water upon receipt.
- Plant as soon as possible.
- Remove plant from pot and insert into soil so that the soil from the pot and the soil from your planter or the ground are the same level.