

# CURCUMA

## Dave's Tips



**PLANT NAME:** CURCUMA

**PRODUCT FORM:** Cell Packs



Curcuma is a group of tropical, flowering plants primarily native to Southeast Asia. They are hardy in the landscape in zones 8-10. They flower from May-July through fall, depending on species and variety. Most varieties start going dormant when temperatures fall below 50°F.

**HARDINESS ZONE(S)/TEMPERATURE:** Landscape zones 8-10. Curcuma like it warm, humid and wet. Avoid drying them completely during the growing season. Their Ideal temperatures are from 72°-95°F.

**LIGHT LEVELS/INTENSITY:** Between 1,500 - 4,500 ft. candles, or 30 - 50% shade. In the landscape, they prefer dappled shade or morning sun and afternoon shade.

**FERTILIZER:** 3-1-2 time release fertilizer, along with liquid fertigation is ideal.

**DISEASES:** Rarely contract diseases, but Pythium and Fusarium are possible.

**POTENTIAL PESTS:** Caterpillars, spider mites



### Growth Rates

Most Curcuma grow and produce their first flowers between 90-100 days. They vary somewhat from variety to variety.

### Product Uses

- Combo pots
- Cut flowers
- 6" - 14" pots

### SOIL MIXTURE

Peat based soil mix with good water holding capacity as well as good drainage.

### WATER

Keep evenly moist. Some varieties then to "flag" in the heat of the afternoon and will benefit from an afternoon watering.

### HUMIDITY

High humidity is best for growing Curcuma. Leaf edges can burn at humidities of 50% and below.

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