

# DIEFFENBACHIA

## Dave's Tips



**PLANT NAME:** DIEFFENBACHIA

**PRODUCT FORM:** Unrooted cuttings, liners

Dieffenbachia is a genus of tropical flowering plants in the family Araceae. It is native to the New World Tropics from Mexico and the West Indies south to Argentina. Some species are widely cultivated as ornamental plants, especially as houseplants, and have become naturalized on a few tropical islands.

**HARDINESS ZONE(S)/TEMPERATURE:** USDA Zone 10b to 11. 17-27°C | 62-80°F.

**GENERAL GROWING CONDITIONS:** The most common problem with growing dieffenbachia is too much moisture. Overwatering is a common problem with many houseplants and the dieffenbachia houseplant is no exception. Plant in well-draining soil and water lightly, keeping the soil consistently moist, but not soggy.

**LIGHT LEVELS/INTENSITY:** Preferred levels of 1000 to 2000 foot candles.

**FERTILIZER:** Medium- Apply every other month during winter and every month during spring and summer.

**DISEASES:** Erwinia, Blight, Xanthomonas Leaf Spot, Fusarium Stem Rot, Anthracnose Leaf Spot, Myrothecium Leaf Spot, Petiole Rot, Phytophthora Stem & Root Rot, and Leaf Spot.

**POTENTIAL PESTS:** Scale, Mealy Bugs and Aphids.



### Growth Rates

- Cuttings to Liners:  
4-6 wks
- Cuttings to 6" Pot:  
6-10 wks

### Applications

- Indoor tropical plant
- Combo pots

#### SOIL MIXTURE

Moist but well- drained.

#### WATER

Maintain moderately moist soil

#### HUMIDITY

Average

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