#### QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE	Indoors: Bright light. Outdoors: Part shade.
USDA HARDINESS ZONES	Winter hardy in zone 10. Will thrive as a houseplant in all zones.
PLANT TYPE	Annual/Tropical.
CONTAINER SIZE	One plant per 12-inch or larger container.
MATURE HEIGHT / SPREAD	16 to 28 inches tall with a 12 to 16 inch spread.
TIME TO REACH MATURITY	12 months.
FACTS OF NOTE	Tough and easy to grow. Thrives in low light areas. Great for decorative containers.

# Thank you for your order!

## **PLANT WARRANTY**

We warrant perennials for 1 year and annuals for 90 days from the time of the original shipment. If for any reason you are dissatisfied, we will replace your plant with a similar or comparable one, at no charge. If your replacement is not available or it is too late in the season to ship, it will reship the following shipping season.

If you have any questions or concerns about your order, please contact us at 888-593-3644 or help@cottagefarmsdirect.com.

Caution: Do not assume any plant is safe to eat. Only parts of plants expressly grown to be eaten should be considered edible. As with any product that is not food, care should be taken to make sure that small children and pets do not ingest any part of a plant that is not expressly grown to be eaten.

Unless specifically stated, this product is intended for ornamental horticultural use only and is not intended for consumption or ingestion by humans or pets. Most plants are harmless but some contain toxic substances which can cause adverse health effects. Furthermore, some individuals and some animals are sensitive or allergic to certain plants and precautions should be taken to limit or avoid physical contact with particular plants. Some plants have thorns or spines that can be painful if handled.

In case of ingestion contact a poison control center immediately.
1-800-222-1222

# **ZZ PLANT**



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#### OUT OF THE BOX

#### ZZ PLANT

Your plant has been shipped to you in a pot. Please remove it from the packaging right away and plant as soon as possible following the planting instructions below. If it is not possible to plant it right away, follow these important steps:

- 1. Roll the plastic down around the plant and place it in a sunny location.
- 2. Keep the plant well watered.

**Note:** Some leaves may appear wilted or yellow upon arrival. This is due to the stress of shipping and is nothing to worry about. Water the plant and let it recover in a shady location for a few days, then gently remove any foliage that does not recover to allow for new growth.



SHIPPED AS SHOWN

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Where should I place my plant?

Place your plant in a bright, sunny room away from heat sources, air ducts or drafts. A well-ventilated room with a south-facing window is ideal. Place the plant within three feet of a window if possible, and do not allow its leaves to touch the glass.

#### PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS

We recommend planting your ZZ Plant in a container and enjoying it indoors. Use the following instructions as a guide for container planting.

**Important:** Thoroughly hydrate the plant by submersing the root zone in a container of water for 10 minutes while you prepare for planting.

Fill the container with soil to within 4 inches of the top. Remove the pot and prepare the root ball for planting by gently disturbing the surface roots with your fingers, fork, or gardening tool and pruning any damaged roots. Dig a hole in the soil to insert the lower part of the root ball.

Once the plant is properly positioned in the pot,

begin filling the pot with soil. Work the soil around the root ball with your hands, firming the soil around the plant with your fingers. When the hole is filled, tamp the soil to remove any air pockets.

Water well and, if necessary, adjust the plant so it is upright and add additional soil if needed. Check to be sure the plant is not planted too deeply. If it is, raise the plant carefully and re-firm the soil.



### **CONTINUING CARE**

PRUNING

Remove dead, damaged or unsightly growth as needed to maintain an attractive appearance. When pruning your plants, always make a clean cut with sharp scissors or pruning shears to avoid damaging its leaves and stems.

### CONTINUING CARE (Continued)

ZZ Plants perform best when the top two inches of soil are allowed to dry out between waterings. Water thoroughly with room temperature water until the soil is well-saturated and water drains from the holes at the bottom of the pot. Do not pour water on the leaves. If you choose to keep a saucer beneath the pot, empty excess water from the saucer immediately after watering. In areas with hard tap water or softened water, consider watering with distilled water or collected rainwater to prevent salts from building up in the soil.

Feed your plants once every 2-3 weeks during the growing season with a water soluble fertilizer. Discontinue feeding after September 1st so your plants can prepare for winter. Resume fertilizing when new growth appears in the spring.

ZZ Plants make excellent year-round houseplants. Keep your plant in a room with a sunny window and temperatures between 65-80°F. Wipe the leaves with a damp cloth as needed if they become dusty. ZZ Plants can be grown outdoors during the warm months. Move the plant indoors before the temperature drops below 50°F.

When you bring your plant indoors for winter, place it in a room with a sunny window. Water sparingly over winter, removing any dead or unsightly growth as needed. In spring when temperatures begin to rise, ease the plant back into a full watering schedule and move it back outdoors for the summer.

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