



Emerald Goddess Gardens

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Botanical Name	Hibiscus rosa seninsis
Common Name	Golden Rain
Mature Size	3'x3'
Plant Family	Malavacea
Bloom Color	Orange and Yellow
Bloom Period	Perpetual
Boom Form	Large, fancy frilled, crested double
Water	Moderate
Light	Protect from direct hot sun
USDA Zone	Zone 10, 11
Fragrance	None
Uses	Feature, Standard, Potted
Special Features	Large Fancy Flowers



***Hibiscus rosa seninsis* or Tropical Hibiscus** are a species of attractive, flowering, tropical shrubs that have perhaps the largest variation of bloom color as any species, there are literally thousands with new hybrids constantly being introduced. Among the most popular ones are those classed as 'Exotics'. This class has larger, fancier flowers than the classic landscape types.

Golden Rain also sometimes called ***Gold Rain*** is a large fancy exotic crested double in bright orange speckled with drops of gold. The bush is a sturdy upright grower with large lush leaves, making it well suited for potted culture. Simply begin pruning lightly and early for a strong branching bush.

Direct planting into the landscape of 4 inch starter size plants is not recommended. For the best results, repot and allow to grow larger before setting out in the tropical or subtropical landscape. It may be grown as a potted plant indefinitely.

For the best results with Golden Rain:

- Repot immediately on arrival.
- Use a good quality commercial potting media
- Maintain consistent soil moisture.
- Feed a good quality, slow release, bloom boosting plant food 2x yearly.
- Prune as needed to encourage branching.
- Monitor regularly for pests and disease and treat any problems early.
- Protect from frost and freeze

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Care of Your New Hibiscus Plant

Here are a few basic guidelines for handling and caring for your new tropical hibiscus plant:

Direct planting of 4 inch starter size Tropical Hibiscus directly into the landscape is not recommended. So, for the best results with your new hibiscus plant we suggest that it be repotted into a larger pot and allowed to grow larger until the new pot is filled with roots before setting out.

- Immediately unpack, remove the wrappings and shipping gel and discard the gell.
- Re-pot the new plant into a 6 inch to 10 inch diameter pot that can drain easily and thoroughly.
- Use a good quality commercial potting media.
- Apply a high quality, slow release plant food according to the label directions. Do not use hot, all chemical fertilizers like 6-6-6 or 10-10-10.
- Locate so that the plant can receive direct, full spectrum light for several hours daily, but is protected from hot, direct afternoon sun.
- Maintain consistent and uniform moisture in the soil. Take care not to over water.
- Packing crystals may be reused to conserve water, but do so with caution as they hold 6000 times their weight in water.
- If reusing the crystals, mix and incorporate them thoroughly throughout the potting media.
- Be sure the pot can drain and that the bottom of the pot does not sit submerged in water for more than a day.
- Supplement feed with a water soluble plant food every 2-3 weeks according to the label directions.
- Prune or pinch lightly and often when the plant is young and actively growing to strengthen the central stalk and encourage branching and build uniform shape.
- Monitor for signs of disease or insects and treat accordingly.
- Protect from frost and freeze.

Tropical Hibiscus and many other tropical and subtropical plants can be grown as potted plant indefinitely and can be successfully wintered over indoors in colder climates, so long as they are moved indoors well ahead of temps into the 30's, are maintained in warm environment (minimum 40°F) with adequate, full spectrum light, and consistent soil moisture is maintained.

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