

GROWING TROPICANNA CANNA IN WATER FEATURES

This is fairly simple but it's important to follow these instructions:

- 1) Start with a potted plant but rather than using the soil that it comes in, you want to use clay or commercial pond soil which is available at most garden centers. If you can't find that, you can use a mix of 20% potting mix and 80% sand.
- 2) Use the container it came in or a slightly larger clay pot or plastic pot that is at least 10-12 inches high and large enough for the plant to continue to grow.
- 3) Cover any holes by lining the bottom of the pot in burlap, newspaper or some sort of heavy fiber material because you don't want any holes in the pot (drainage isn't an issue for this). You just want to keep all your dirt in one place - the pot!
- 4) Mix the soil with water from your pond to make a thick "mudpie"
- 5) Carefully remove your Tropicanna from its original pot and rinse off the soil. Then place the Tropicanna into the new pot, spreading the roots and making sure that the crown of the plant is 2-3" BELOW the pot rim. Then fill the pot to about 2-3" from the top with your mudpie mix. Continue to fill and shake the pot gently to ensure that the soil is distributed among the roots.
- 6) Place clean gravel or small rocks in top 2-3 inches of the pot. This gives it a more finished look AND holds the soil in place. Then just tamp the pot a few times to get everything to settle.
- 7) Lower the pot into the pond slowly at first to let more of the air to escape (otherwise it will tip over). You can submerge the plant into the water but keep the top of the pot a few inches from the top of the water. If your pond is deep, place something under the pot to keep it closer to the surface.
- 8) Fertilize your plant with one that's been designed specifically for aquatic plants **and ENJOY!**

