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### ***Bougainvillea* - "Common" (when appropriate)**

The Bougainvillea is a highly ornamental plant with paper-like bright flowers that are actually modified leaves. The three simple, waxy, small flowers are surrounded by colorful sepal-like bracts. It belongs to a genus of thorny ornamental vines, bushes, and trees in the four o'clock family, Nyctaginaceae.

**Light:** Full sun

**Water:** Even moisture until established, then a slight dry down

**Environment:** Native to eastern South America; thrive in hot and dry climates

**Toxicity:** Sap reported to cause minor skin irritation; reported as non toxic to pets

**Habit / Size:** Bougainvillea can be vines, shrubs, or trees depending on species/cultivar

**Of Note:**

- Propagation: with tip cuttings
- They will develop thorns on the limbs

\*When planting in a pot without a drainage hole, help avoid over watering by estimating 25% of the container's overall volume, with appropriate drainage materials incorporated when planting.