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Caladium Bulb Storage

Bulb Storage:

Caladiums are tropical plants, and bulbs must be stored at temperatures above 60°F (16°C) with a relative humidity in the neighborhood of 75%. Also, there needs to be good air exchange to prevent build-up of gases. Caladiums are particularly sensitive to the presence of ethylene gas. When storing caladiums, unpack them immediately upon arrival and store them in open trays with proper air circulation. Exposing bulbs to cold temperatures will cause them to sprout slowly and erratically and cold may stunt the crop.

Stunted Growth:

Make sure that bulbs are not stored at temperatures below 60°F (16°C), or above 90° (32°C). Injury due to temperature exposure manifests itself in stunted (sometimes very slow) erratic growth even though the bulb does not show any injury at all.

Specific links of interest on bulb storage

Moldy Bulbs:

Can happen....more here

Breakage and Shrinkage:

See info <u>here</u>

Caladium Tuber Storage Life:

How long and how best to store caladium tubers....here