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- While Begonias do best out of direct sunlight, they do like good light. A spot that gets morning sun will suit them well, or they can be grown in bright, filtered light indoors or out. Keep pinching out dead flowers to extend the flowering season and allow the plants to go dormant in autumn before lifting and storing the tubers;
- In pots, you can just discontinue watering and store the pot away until next spring.

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How to Grow Beautiful Begonias

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General info

There are many different varieties of flowering Begonias that you can grow from tubers. They are divided into groups according to their special characteristics. Some have a cascading growth habit that makes them perfect for hanging bowls. Others have gorgeously scented flowers, and certain varieties look for all the world like little roses. Whichever variety you choose, you can be sure of a long flowering season that lasts until the autumn chill sets in.

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A few planting basics

Unlike most bulbs which have pointed tips, Begonias have a hollow spot that tells you which side of the tuber should face upwards. The tuberous bulbs are easy to grow, but they don't like soggy conditions, so choose a spot in the garden with well-drained soil or a free-draining potting mixture. Your Begonias will want light shade and protection from harsh winds.



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Planting instructions

- Plant in spring after the last frosts;
- Be careful not to plant them too deeply. The top of the tuber should be just under the soil surface;
- Plant a few tubers close together but without allowing the tubers to touch each other for a full appearance;
- Keep soil moist but not constantly soggy.

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