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How to Care for a RED SENSATION GRASS PALM Shrub *Cordyline australis* 'Red Sensation'

SELECT SITE:

Light Requirements: Full Sun (6-8 hrs of direct sun per day) for best foliage color, although some afternoon shade is appreciated in hotter inland gardens

This shrub will grow larger to 15 ft. tall by 8 ft. wide; space 3 ft. away from other plants or structures.

Thrives in deep, fertile, well drained soils; shelter from harsh winds.

Versatile Plant For:

Poolside. Foundation Plant. Colorful Hedge or Massing. Containers.

Only ideal for outdoor planting in USDA Plant Hardiness Zones: 9,10,11 :: Grow as an indoor houseplant in USDA Plant Hardiness Zones: 1-8

PLANT PREP: Open box upon arrival, remove packing materials to let the plant "breathe". Remove tape and newspaper. Water well. There are drainage holes in the bottom of the pot so do this outside where the extra water will drain away.

HOLE PREP: Dig saucer shaped hole. The depth is determined by measuring the height of the roots from root flare to bottom. The width is 2-3 times the root ball diameter. Using these calculations, the ideal hole for the new bush will be approximately 10" tall by 24-30" wide.

PLANTING: Place plant in hole and adjust for aesthetics. Hold in place while adding more soil, until the hole is completely filled. Push soil down until firm. Do not plant the shrub deeper than it has already been growing. Water well immediately after planting. Mulch evenly to a depth of 2-3 inches being sure to stay at least 4" away from its trunk.

FUTURE MAINTENANCE:

Application of a general fertilizer can be done anytime, yet is not consistently necessary.

When planted in ground, water regularly and deeply during first growing season to develop root system. Once established, water regularly during growing season, then reduce frequency during cooler winter months.

For container plantings, water when soil surface becomes dry. Move indoors before the threat of frost.

Pruning rarely needed.