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How to Care for a GULF STREAM HEAVENLY BAMBOO Shrub
Nandina domestica 'Gulf Stream

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Light Requirements: Full Sun – must have 6-8 hrs of direct sunlight each day for brightest foliage colors.

This shrub will grow larger to 36 ft. tall with a similar spread; Space 18 in. away from other plants or structures.

Tolerates a wide range of soils, prefers average garden soil.

Versatile Plant for a TROPICAL garden:
Short hedge, in the border garden, mass plantings, poolside, urban gardens.

Ideal USDA Plant Hardiness Zones: 7,8,9,10,11 --- treat as an annual and replace each year when grown in the cool Northern climates

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:

Water regularly, especially during first year, to promote strong root development. Never let soil dry out completely nor excessively overwatering to extent that soil is continually boggy.

If desired, fertilize in spring before new growth begins. Apply 2 tbsp. of an all-purpose slow release fertilizer upon the ground in a band around the plant at least 6" away from its stem.

No pruning needed to achieve natural shape; if desired, prune back 1/3 of the stems annually before new growth begins each spring to promote dense foliage growth.

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