

BEGONIA, FIBROUS ROOTED BEGONIA, WAX BEGONIA

Botanical Name

Begonia Semperflorens—*Cultorum hybrids*

Ethylene Sensitivity Yes

Storage Temperature 35-55°F

Storage Time 3 days

Purchasing Hints Plants should have 10-15 percent of the flowers open at time of purchase.

Special Concerns Plants are sensitive to overwatering. Some cultivars develop small corky bumps or pimples on leaves called oedema, which may be caused by water imbalances.

Additional Information Display in partial shade if outside and under maximum light indoors. It does well as an indoor potted plant for six to nine weeks, if held under 150 to 300 foot candles of light. Normal levels of chlorine found in drinking waters are not harmful.



The species is named after Michel Begon (1638-1710), a promoter of botany. The specific epithet, "sempreflorens," means "everflowering" in reference to the fact that it often flowers all season long.