

# CROSSANDRA, FIRECRACKER FLOWER

*Crossandra* is Greek for fringed anthers. The specific epithet, "infundibuliformis," refers to the funnel form or trumpet shape of the flowers.

**Botanical Name** *Crossandra infundibuliformis*

**Ethylene Sensitivity** Yes. Flowers drop when exposed to ethylene.

**Interior Light** 50-100 foot candles. Higher light levels may increase longevity.

**Storage** 50-60°F. Storage time is three to five days. Exact storage times are not known.

**Purchasing Hints** Purchase plants with deep, glossy green foliage and 30 to 50 percent of flowers open.

**Consumer Life** Three to four weeks

**Special Concerns** Plants are sensitive to temperatures below 45°F

**Additional Information** The scarlet-orange or orange-coral flowers appear on short spikes above the glossy green foliage. Keep in warm, well-lighted location.