

LILY, ASIATIC LILY, ORIENTAL LILY



The lily family consists of 80 to 90 species native to the north temperate zone. The oriental hybrids are especially known for their fragrance.

Botanical Name *Lilium spp. and hybrids*

Ethylene Sensitivity Yes

Interior Light 50–100 foot candles

Storage 35°F. Storage time is three days. Plant performance indoors is best without any storage.

Purchasing Hints Purchase when the first bud or two is puffy and showing color.

Consumer Life Two to three weeks depending on variety and interior conditions. Plant longevity is greatest at cool interior temperatures (65–70°F).

Special Concerns Watch for premature flower bud abortion (death) caused by ethylene, low light conditions, excessive storage or high temperature storage. Care should be taken to avoid breaking unopened buds during handling.

Additional Information Leaf yellowing may result from storage, even for short periods. Plants should be removed from coolers and allowed to warm up overnight in a 55°F room. Water with luke warm water (100–110°F) when removed from the cooler. The pollen of most lilies can stain. Remove the pollen for those flowers that are open and instruct consumers to do the same.