

VALE'S GREENHOUSE



Quality Plants For The Chinook Zone

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LILIES

One of the most celebrated flowers of the garden is the lily. It always amazes people, in Southern Alberta, that with the proper selection of different lilies you are able to have blooms from June to September, in every colour range. There are eight basic types of lilies that are hardy in zone 2. Even though there are many types, don't let that put you off planting lilies, you will soon become an expert at identifying the different types.

- **Asiatic** lilies are completely hardy in zone two. They multiply quickly to form a big clump of up facing or down facing flowers. They need no staking as they only grow 18 inches tall. The most familiar names in this group is "Butter Pixie", or 'Lollypop".
- **O.T. Hybrid Lilies** (Oriental x Trumpet) A hybrid of Oriental and Trumpet Lilies. Very fragrant outward facing blooms that may need staking as the plant can grow up to 24 inches tall. The best know O.T. lily is "Touching".
- **L.A. Hybrids** (Longiflorum x Asiatic) These plants are a hybrid between Longiflora and Asiatic Lilies. They combine the hardiness of the Asiatic with the large flower of the Longifloras. A super hardy, beautiful lily .
- **Tiger Lily** the best-known type of lily. Short sturdy stems, on bushy compact plants. The up or down facing flowers have soft-reflexed petals with black speckles and come in many different colours. They need no staking as the plant gets about 15 inches high.
- **Trumpet Lilies** are one the newest types of lilies to be introduced to the garden world. Huge trumpet shaped flower (as the name may suggest) sit on top of tall stems. This plant may need staking as the flowers are so heavy the stem may break.
- **Martagon** lilies will make most people stop and look again. Dainty down facing blooms on slender stems with unusual foliage to grace any garden. Rare and unusual these lilies may cost more but are worth it.
- **Kiss Lilies** have double flowers on 20-inch tall plants. They are pollen-free and make a great cut flower.
- **Oriental Lilies** are not hardy in zone 2 and should be treated as an annual in a container. The best known and most stunning variety is called "Stargazer".



Upfacing Orange "Tiger" Lily



"Wanda" Lily - Asiatic, upfacing



"La Toya" Lily



"Stargazer" Lily - Not Hardy in Zone 2.



Asiatic Downfacing "Dreamtime"



Asiatic Lily "Embarrassment"