## Hosta Care

They are easy to care for and minimal maintenance needed to successfully grow. Their leaves, which vary from shape, texture, color and size. Dwarf varieties under 4" tall as are easy to grow as 3" tall siblings. Most bloom with tubular white or layender flowers in summer months.

## **Site Requirements:**

Hosta's prefer shady gardens through some varieties have been developed for full sun exposure. They tend to be heavy feeders. Best growth occurs in well drained soils in high in organic matter. Prefer consistent moisture but should avoid wet conditions. In the spring feeding with slow release fertilizer and in the fall add compost is recommended. Mulching helps retain moisture to the soil. Keep slightly away from the base stalks of the plant.

Collect divisions by cutting or pulling clumps into smaller clusters in early spring. Make sure each cluster has several shoots and plenty of roots. Wait atleast 3 years for new plants to establish themseleves before dividing.

Spent flowers can be clipped off. Both leaves and flower stalks are suitable for cut decorative uses. Remove foliage to ground after a killing frost.

