

# HOW TO GROW LILAC BUSHES

Lilacs are native to Europe and temperate climate areas in Asia. The common lilac originated in Eastern Europe which is known for its resilience, reliability and fragrance. This multi-stemmed shrub grows between 8 and 12 feet tall, depends on the variety. They are suitable as cut flowers and attractive to butterflies. Its color ranges from lilac/purple, white, cream, pink to yellow. Lilacs bloom for about 2 weeks from mid-to-late spring and thrive in fertile, well-drained, neutral to alkaline soil. For best blooms, lilacs should be planted in full sun that means at least 6 hours of sunlight each day.

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## Planting Procedure:

### Step 1: Planting Lilacs

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- A. Choose lilac bushes to plant. Pay attention to its full-grown height to make sure there's enough space for the plant to grow.
- B. Select a location that receives 6-8 hours of sunlight each day with good air circulation.
- C. Get the lilacs ready for planting by soaking the roots in warm water for 10-15 minutes.
- D. Spring or Fall is the best time to plant the lilac.



## Step 2: Caring for Lilacs

- A. Frequent watering is required for lilacs about several times a week.
- B. Apply all-purpose fertilizer every spring season.
- C. Regularly prune lilacs to encourage more blooms and improve air circulation.

## Step 3: Cutting and Drying Lilacs

- A. When lilacs are blooming profusely, you may cut them to be placed as flower arrangement. Place them in a vase immediately.
- B. Gather a bunch of fresh lilacs and bind their stems with a rubber band. Hang them upside down in a cool, dark place for 1-3 weeks. When the lilacs are completely dry, carefully remove the rubber band.

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