



SEED OF THE MONTH:

Common Name: Agapanthus **Aka:** Lily of the Nile

Family: Amaryllidaceae

Genus: Agapanthus

Height:

1 to 4 feet Includes flower stalk

Sun Exposure: Partial to full sun

Space:

3 feet

Bloom Color: Your packet contains seeds from either the light blue and dark blue flowering plants or both.

Bloom Time: Fall and summer. Your plant needs lots of sun to produce flowers.

Other Details:

Agapanthus are great for container gardens because their roots don't mind fitting snugly in a pot. You should divided potted Agapanthus from time to time to keep them healthy. You can make new plants from the recently divided rhizomes. When growing Agapanthus in the ground it is not necessary to divide them regularly but you should remove the flowering stalk when blooms wither, this will encourage new growth.

Soil Requirements: grows well in most types of soil but enjoys a good loamy soil that has been enhanced with organic compost.

Water Requirements: Water once a week.

Propagation Methods:

Agapanthus are easy to grow and when left alone will self-populate. Their fleshy, rhizome roots store nutrients. You can grow Agapanthus from seed as well as by separating the rhizomes. The original plant and divided rhizomes should be replanted immediately.

Known Uses:

Agapanthus derived from the Greek word agape means Love. South African traditional healers have been known to use the leaves around ones wrist to bring down fever and they also use this plant to treat pregnancy related illnesses and to induce labor or for infertility. Roots are known to have antifungal properties. Studies suggest phytoremediation potential for petroleum and pesticidal properties exists and warrants further study. These plants look beautiful in containers and when planted in-ground create spectacular borders for your garden beds or walkways.

