Hibiscus (Rose Mallow)

72ct Plug
Container: Premium 2 Gallon Pot
Finish: 10-12 weeks
When To Plant: Early to mid summer

Grade #1 Bare Root
Container: Premium 3 Gallon Pot
Finish: 8-10 weeks
When To Plant: Spring to late spring

Growing Temperature:
65-72°F day and night (rooting out) then warmer

EC Level:
2.5-3.5 pour through method

Vernalization:
Not required.

Potting and Timing:
Bareroot plants can be trimmed to a 3-4” radius to fit the pot if necessary.
72s should be planted in 1 or 2 gallon containers and bareroot will need to go into 2 or 3 gallon containers.

Hibiscus can be pinched to encourage branching. Soft pinch the shoots when they are 6-8” long, leaving 4-6 leaves on each branch. Allow at least 6 weeks from pinching until the desired bloom date.

Planting Level:
Crown should be at or just above soil level.

Lighting:
High light is required for growth. Dark foliage varieties need direct sunlight to achieve color. It is recommended to grow these outdoors.

Soil pH:
5.5-6.2

Fertility:
Keep plants well-watered and well-fed. 150-200 ppm N will encourage vigorous growth.

Pests and Diseases:
Aphids, caterpillars, Japanese beetles, mealybugs, scale, spider mites, thrips, and whiteflies are often observed on Hibiscus.
Botrytis, Leaf spots, Alternaria and Cercospora, Myrothecium, Phytophora, Pseudomonas, and rust.

Moisture:
Consistent soil moisture is important. Never allow the plants to wilt or lower leaf loss, bud abortion and reduced quality characteristics will result.
Moist to moderate moisture requirements.

PGRs/Pinching:
PGRs: Spray multiple applications of B-Nine at 3750 ppm and Cycoceal at 1000 ppm or Sumagic alone at 7.5 ppm or drench with 10 ppm Bonzi. For best results begin PGR applications about 3-5 days following a pinch, use at 7 day intervals if additional control is needed.

Grower Tips:
If early season forcing is desired then it is recommended to plant 72ct plugs into 2-3 gallon pots in mid summer for sales the following spring. Warm temperatures of 68-75°F and supplemental lighting are required to force Hibiscus. Plants flower in 12-14 weeks at 70°F.

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