



OVERWINTERING TROPICALS

THERE ARE 3 WAYS TO OVERWINTER YOUR FLOWERING TOPICALS SUCH AS HIBISCUS AND MANDEVILLAE INDOORS DURING WINTER.

ENJOY AS A HOUSEPLANT

Flowering tropicals may have enjoyed a lot of water when they were outside but indoors their watering requirements will be much less. Place them in a bright room or near a bright window. Avoid direct afternoon sunlight. Bring back into a room with bright indirect light once early Spring and warmer temperatures come.

FORCE DORMANCY

Cool temperatures and dark rooms will force them into dormancy. Place in a cooler and dark room in the house and allow all the leaves and blooms to fall. Water very sparingly to keep the roots from drying out.

ROOT CUTTINGS

Snip off some stem sections and try rooting in water or soil to keep a small plant going that you can plant outdoors in late Spring.

TIPS

Flowering tropicals will not be as beautiful as they are when they are thriving in the hot, humid outdoors. Don't worry when you don't see many or any flowers and if you have some yellowing leaves or leaf drop. Pliable branches means a living plant. It is normal for them to go through a bit of a shock period when moving indoors.

BRINGING OUTDOORS

Bring back outdoors once the danger of frost has passed. Begin by giving them just a couple hours of morning light and slowly increasing the increments of sunlight until they can tolerate 6-8 hours of sun.