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Elephant Ears

For a bold statement in your garden, you can't go wrong with elephant's ear. This is an easy-care plant. All you need to do is keep its soil moist. Plant bulbs blunt end down beneath 2 inches of soil. Fertilize and water regularly.

It does best in part shade, but will take full shade and even full sun, as long as you keep it watered.

Elephant Ears are grown for their foliage. They have large leaves that grow 1-2 feet across and 2-3 feet long. The older the bulb, the larger your leaves and plant will be. An established plant can grow as tall as 5 feet.

Over wintering:

1. To save the elephant's ear bulbs over the winter, wait for the leaves to shrivel in fall. Then use a spading fork to pry the bulb gently from the soil. Lay it in a cool, dry place for a few weeks.
2. Once the stems have shriveled, cut them back to about 6". Then put the bulb in a plastic sack and leave it open so air can get in. Store the sack in a cool, dark place, such as your basement.