

# *How to Care for a* **GLORY BUSH TIBOUCHINA Shrub** **Tibouchina lepidota**

## **SELECT SITE:**

Light Requirements: Thrives in Filtered Sun to a lightly shaded site.

This shrub will grow larger to 3 ft. tall & wide; space 3 ft. away from other plants or structures.

Tolerates a wide range of acidic moist well drained soils. Avoid alkaline soils.

More drought tolerant in coastal areas than hot arid regions yet performs best with regular irrigation.

Versatile Plant For:

Poolside. Foundation Plant. Short Hedge or Massing. Containers.

Ideal for outdoor planting in USDA Plant Hardiness Zones: 10, 11

Grow as an indoor houseplant in USDA Plant Hardiness Zones: 1-9

## **PLANT PREP:**

Open box upon arrival, remove packing materials to let the plant “breathe”. Remove tape and newspaper. Water well. There are drainage holes in the bottom of the pot so do this outside where the extra water will drain away.

## **HOLE PREP:**

Dig saucer shaped hole. The depth is determined by measuring the height of the roots from root flare to bottom. The width is 2-3 times the root ball diameter. Using these calculations, the ideal hole for the new bush will be approximately 10” tall by 24” wide. To plant in a container, select a pretty pot that is at least 12” in diameter.

## **PLANTING:**

Place plant in hole and adjust for aesthetics. Hold in place while adding more soil, until the hole is completely filled. Push soil down until firm. Do not plant the shrub deeper than it has already been growing. Water well immediately after planting. Mulch evenly to a depth of 2-3 inches being sure to stay at least 4” away from its trunk.

## **FUTURE MAINTENANCE:**

To promote bloom, fertilize with a good quality granular fertilizer 3 times a year, once in spring, again in summer, and then once more in fall.

Water regularly but don’t keep the area overly wet.

Pruning rarely needed; can trim to shape in late spring.