



## Ambassador's Begonia

*Begonia*

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<u>Hardiness</u>	<u>Exposure</u>	<u>Soil</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Height</u>
Zones 14-24, H1, H2	Filtered sunlight, bright indirect light	Rich, porous, fast draining soil	Regular watering, enough to keep soil moist	Corals, red, pink and white flowers	Grows from a tuber 6 to 24 inches

*Tuberous begonias are one of the most showy garden or container plants. The flowers are large, have bright clear colors and are generally double so they make a spectacular display. Unfortunately, they prefer conditions that are generally cooler than Kentucky summers. Thus they require excellent care in the home garden or patio. They should be grown in partial shade or full shade in gardens amended with organic matter or often grown in hanging baskets. Older varieties are grown from tubers that are started indoors in early spring. These tubers are available at various garden stores or mail order catalogs. Seed propagated varieties appeared in the early 1980s and now dominate as the source for tuberous begonias. Tuberous begonias are generally grown as annuals, but the tubers of the traditional varieties and tubers of the seed propagated varieties can be stored over winter and started again the following spring.*