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ESCAPE®

COLLECTION

Beautify Your Patio and Garden



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A Touch of the **Tropics!**

The Tropic Escape® collection of premium **hibiscus and mandevilla** offers fabulous flowers in an array of sizes, colors, and shapes to add tropical allure to your outdoor decor.

Whether you have a garden, porch, patio, deck, or balcony, these beautiful, low-maintenance plants help you create a space that's beautiful, elegant, and colorful all summer long. Oh, and they are easy care, too!

Enjoy this trendy collection of plants grown especially for you, to help you transform your life into a tropical paradise.

—The Costa Farms
GARDEN GURU™ Team



Enjoy tropical **Hibiscus**





Discover Hibiscus

Few plants offer the tropical dazzle of hibiscus. Here's why:

Big Blooms

Some flowers measure almost 6 inches across. Wow! Place plants in any sunny spot in your yard or patio and enjoy their big, bold flowers. All summer.

Color, Color, Color

There's a color for every patio, porch, or garden decor: red, pink, yellow, orange, purple, lavender-blue, white, and even bicolor varieties.

A Decorator's Dream

Use them anywhere. Tropical hibiscus excel in containers, gardens, and landscapes. They make fabulous focal points. Or group hibiscus plants together to form a hedge or privacy wall.

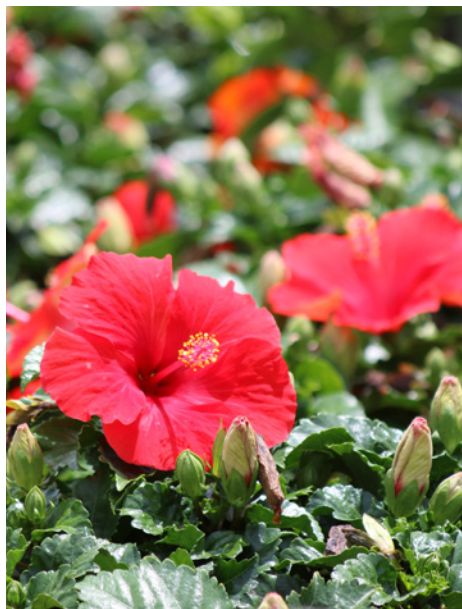
Say aloha to **Hibiscus**

Tropical Hibiscus

Tropical hibiscus is easier to grow than it looks! All this plant needs is a spot in the sun and regular watering. There's no special care needed.

Tropic Escape® Varieties

Our line of exclusive HibisQs® varieties, bred by world-renowned plantsman Poul Graff, feature more flowers per plant than old varieties, and tighter growth. They're perfect for use on tabletops and in container gardens.



Tropical vs. hardy hibiscus

You're likely to find a wealth of hibiscus varieties available at your local garden center. In most areas, tropical types are best treated as summer annuals (or moved inside for the winter). Hardy hibiscus go dormant and resprout from the roots.

If you're not sure what type a hibiscus is, look at the label/plant tag. Most tags advise keeping tropical hibiscus above 50F; they die when exposed to freezing temperatures. Many hardy hibiscus have a USDA Hardiness Zone listed (usually Zone 4 or 5 as their northern range).

Tropical hibiscus can be grown in tree form (with one trunk or several trunks braided together as one) or shrub form. Hardy hibiscus don't form trunks—so that's another way to tell.

Hardy hibiscus are some of the last perennials to emerge from the ground in spring, so they're most commonly available in garden centers from early summer to fall. But our tropical hibiscus, grown in Miami, Florida, don't need to wake up from dormancy. They're usually available starting early spring and into through early summer.



Tropic Escape® Tequila Sunrise

Tequila Sunrise is part of our HibisQs® collection, known for producing scores more flowers over the course of the season than older varieties.



Tropic Escape® Strawberry Mojito

We love this small-growing variety! It doesn't get very big, but produces an incredible number of rich, strawberry-red blooms.



Tropic Escape® Pineapple Mule

Tropic Escape® Pineapple Mule is an eye-catching variety that can practically smother itself in golden-yellow flowers throughout the summer.



Tropic Escape® Rosé All Day

Enjoy soft pink flowers all spring, summer, and fall with this charming variety. It blends beautifully with other hibiscus varieties, as well as mandevilla.



Tropic Escape® Beachside Bubbly

Beachside Bubbly is especially good for containers. A profuse bloomer, it offers a steady show of long-lasting white flowers with rich burgundy centers.



Tropic Escape® Blushing Bellini

Bearing pearly pink blooms with a striking hot pink center, this dwarf hibiscus offers outstanding flower power.

Meet Mandevilla

Mandevilla

Mandevilla delivers big colorful flowers that bloom nonstop all season.

Bright colors

Get gorgeous flowers in rich red, pretty pink, and crisp white.

Versatile options

Different varieties serve many needs. Choose vining for containers. Mound-shaped mandevillas will look stunning in your yard or as a focal point in a container.



Add Vertical Interest with Vining Mandevilla

Vining mandevilla climbs up to 15 feet tall in a summer. Here are beautiful ways to use this type:

- Use climbing mandevilla in a large container to scale a focal point trellis.
- Plant a pair at the base of an arbor and watch them scramble up the structure and smother it in bloom.
- Add these easy, ambitious plants to porches and patios in hanging baskets.
- Fill a window box with vining mandevilla for nonstop color all summer.

Create a Mass of Flowers with Mound-Shaped Mandevilla

Mound-shaped mandevilla grow 12 to 18 inches tall and wide. They don't need support to climb. Big and bushy, mound-shape mandevillas can be used through the patio and landscape in these beautiful ways:

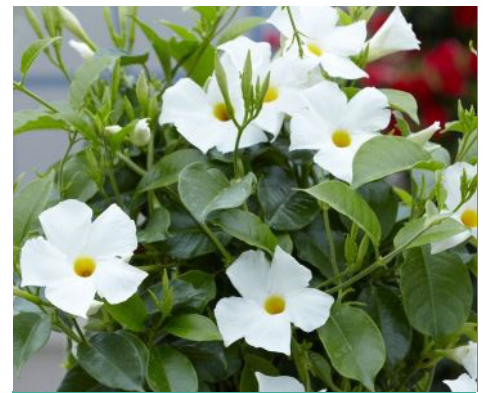
- Plant in the yard to mix in with annuals and perennials.
- Fill a flowerbed with them to create a carpet of color that lasts from the time you plant them all the way to frost.
- Add to large pots, then line up the containers to create a blooming privacy wall.
- Because they have more of a bushy habit, they're also top-notch choices for hanging baskets and window boxes.



Tropic Escape® Mound-Shaped Red
Elegant and full of flowers, this variety will flower nonstop until frost.



Tropic Escape® Mound-Shaped Pink
Enjoy mound-shaped pink mandevillas in cottage gardens, containers, beds, and borders.



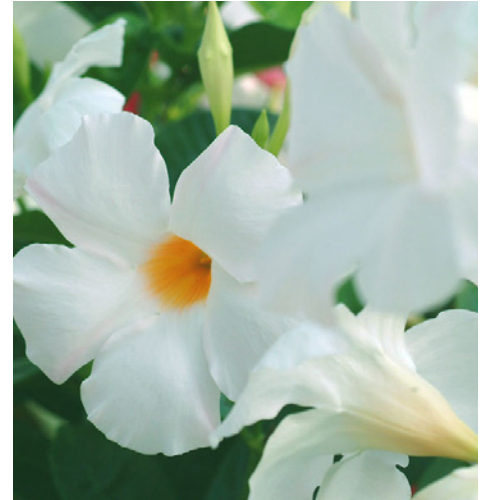
Tropic Escape® Mound-Shaped White
White mandevilla are good choices for moon gardens. Their white color shimmers in long after the sun sets.



Tropic Escape® Vining Red
Attract butterflies and hummingbirds to your outdoor spaces with this stunning, easy-care, heat-loving, drought-tolerant mandevilla variety.



Tropic Escape® Vining Pink
Fabulous climbing on arbors and trellises, as well cladding fences, vining pink mandevilla smothers itself in beautiful blooms.



Tropic Escape® Vining White
White blooms are visible at night, so this mandevilla is an illuminating choice for patios, porches, and garden seating areas that are used after dark.

Create your dreamscape with **Tropic Escape® Hibiscus**

Easy to Grow

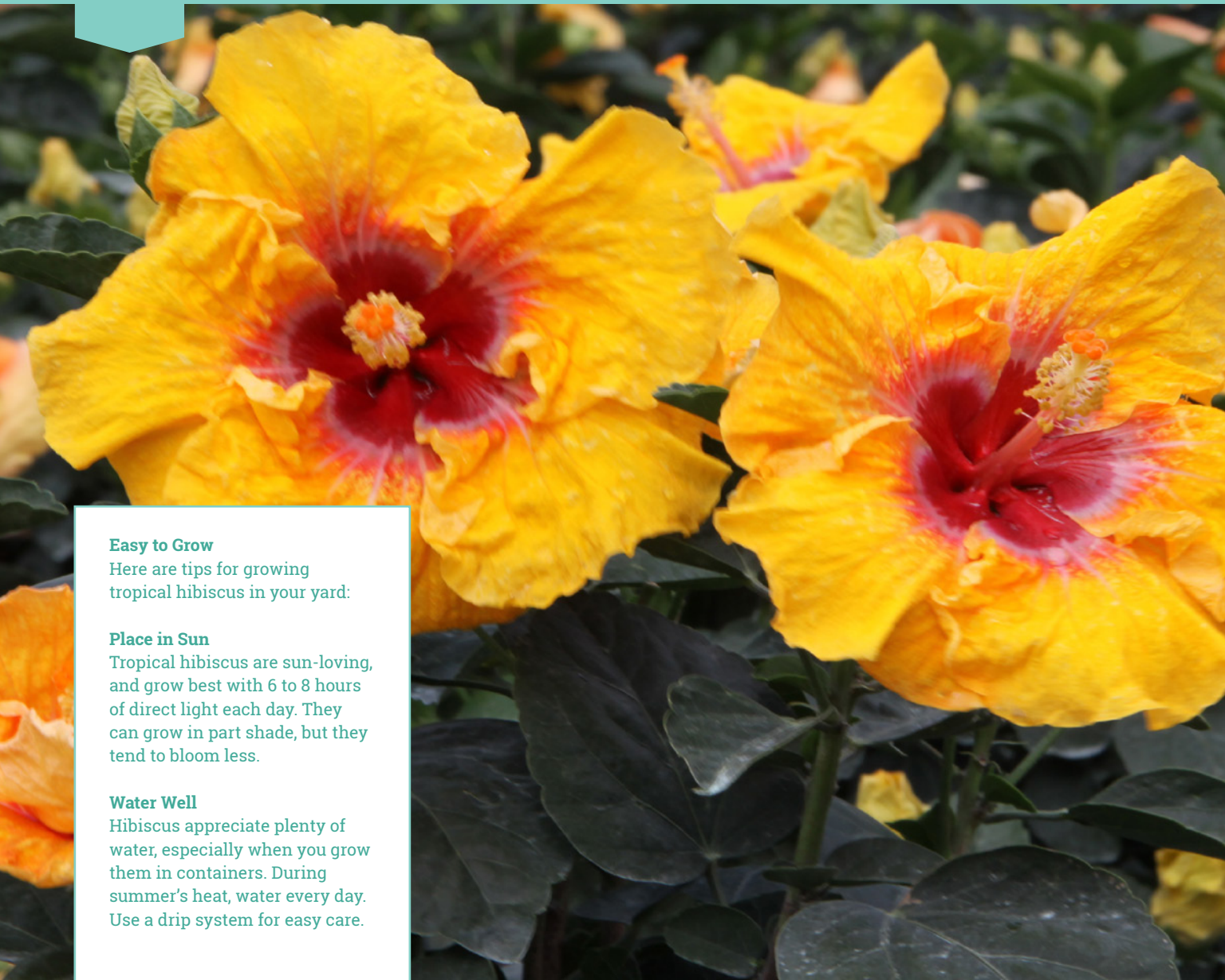
Here are tips for growing tropical hibiscus in your yard:

Place in Sun

Tropical hibiscus are sun-loving, and grow best with 6 to 8 hours of direct light each day. They can grow in part shade, but they tend to bloom less.

Water Well

Hibiscus appreciate plenty of water, especially when you grow them in containers. During summer's heat, water every day. Use a drip system for easy care.





WATERING TIP: Tropical hibiscus may drop flower buds if they dry out too much. Keep plants well watered to ensure a steady show of flowers.

FEEDING TIP: Encourage more blooms by fertilizing monthly with a general-purpose fertilizer (follow directions on the product packaging).



Gardening with **Tropic Escape® Mandevilla**

Plant Easy Mandevilla

Mandevilla is so easy to grow. Here are some tips for raising successful plants.

Set it in a Sunny Spot

Mandevilla excels in a sunny spot, receiving at least 6 hours of direct sun.

Water Regularly

Keep mandevilla blooming profusely with regular watering. It's fairly drought tolerant, so if the soil dries out a bit, the plant can survive.

Don't Worry about Nibblers

Mandevilla is relatively resistant to deer and rabbits.

Bring Plants Indoors when Cold

When temperatures drop below 50F/10C, bring mandevilla indoors. If you live in cold-winter climate, enjoy mandevilla as a houseplant in a very bright spot.



We are mandevilla experts! We grow millions of mandevilla plants every year. Do you have questions? Our Plant Gurus are happy to help you at costafarms.com



Enjoy Mandevilla as a Perennial
If you live in a tropical climate (Zones 10 or 11), enjoy mandevilla as an ever-blooming feature in your landscape. Lucky you!

Feed Occasionally
Fertilize mandevilla regularly in spring and summer to keep it in full bloom, especially when you're growing it in pots. Use a time-release formula that slowly releases nutrients into the potting mix over the growing season. How easy is that?



Design with Tropic Escape®





Grow Up! Add a vertical element with a tree-form hibiscus. Add annuals to spill over the pot's edge.



Pair Plants. Hibiscus and mandevilla grow beautifully together in container gardens.



Top It Off. Mound-shape mandevilla stays tidy. It's an elegant choice for outdoor pots.



Mix and Match. Coordinate contrasting colors such as soft pink mandevilla with 'Neon' pothos.



Stand Alone. Use creative containers to create a decorator look. Mandevilla is such a showy plant, it can pull off a bold look without the addition of other plants in the pot.

Create container gardens with Tropic Escape®

Welcome guests to your home with a showy sun-loving container. Pot up this beauty in just an hour.



List of Materials

- 1 Majesty palm
- 2 Red mandevilla
- 2 Pink hibiscus

Just
5
Plants!

How to do it!

Step 1: Fill a large container with potting soil.

Step 2: Plant majesty palm in center.

Step 3: Add hibiscus in back.

Step 4: Plant mandevilla in front.



Tropic Escape® Makes Container Gardens Easy

Customize your space with plants and the pot. Here's why container gardening is so popular:

COLOR WHERE YOU NEED IT

You can place containers anywhere—on decks, patios, and balconies.

SMALL-SPACE GARDENS

Don't have a big yard? Containers add pockets of brilliant color anywhere.

IDEAL GROWING CONDITIONS

Planters filled with high-quality potting soil, solves the problem of poor or sandy garden soil.

TRANSPORTABILITY

Containers are portable, so if you move, you can pack up your pots and relocate them to your new home.





A: Small space. Vining mandevilla's vertical growth lets you to pack maximum color into minimum space.

B: Double the fun. Go bold by planting different varieties of Tropic Escape® together in the same pot.

C: Mix it up. Combine containers of different sizes to adds interest.

D: Be odd. Combine containers of odd numbers together; three, five, or seven appeal to the eye.



Beautify every space with **Tropic Escape®**

Dress Up Doorways

Add instant curb appeal with a collection of bold, bright, easy-care tropicals next to your front door.

Planting around your doorway adds a welcoming touch for guests. Plus, it's easy to remember to water when your containers are right out your front door.



Small-Space Design

If you are short on space, use a mandevilla vine to make the area feel larger. Train it to fit the space around any doorway.



Color Combos

Pair contrasting hibiscus and mandevilla hues.



Discover the Art of Porchscaping

Tropic Escape® hibiscus and mandevilla are natural picks for porches.

- Place them next to seating areas where you can enjoy their fabulous flowers up close.
- Use small plants as tabletop centerpieces.
- Use low-growing hibiscus around benches and chairs to make an area feel more intimate.

Poolside Plants

Many plants are sensitive to chlorine. Place them far enough from your pool that they won't get splashed.



Perk Up Pool Decks

Just like along a walkway, a collection of beautiful blooming tropical plants along your pool is a quick and easy way to add elegance and drama. Here, pink mound-shaped mandevilla imbue the space with a sweet summer touch.



Privacy Walls

Quick-growing tropical vines, including Tropic Escape® mandevilla, are a super-simple way to transform a fence into a wall of blooms. These ambitious viners create a cloak of color.



Butterfly Buffet

Large-flowering tropical flowers attract butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard and garden for you to enjoy.



Trendy Tabletops

Easy-care mound-shaped mandevilla and HibisQs® hibiscus stay tidy so they make stunning centerpieces for alfresco parties and dinners.



Training Lessons

Twine the stems of vining mandevilla around a support, such as pole or trellis. The plant does the rest.

Enjoy Tropic Escape[®]
in cold-weather climates



Overwinter Tropicals

If you live in an area where temperatures drop below 50F (10C), bring Tropic Escape® hibiscus and mandevilla indoors. Tropical plants won't survive exposure to freezing temperatures.

Draft Notice

Protect your hibiscus from warm and cold drafts over winter. Bursts of hot (or cool) air causes yellowing or brown foliage.





Fertilize Hibiscus Over Winter

More good news! You don't need to worry about it. Give your hibiscus a nice winter's rest. You can hold off until the days grow longer come spring: March or so.

Winter Flowering

Don't count on flowers over winter—you probably won't see many as your plant rests. Unless it's in a super-bright spot, it may not have enough light to bloom much.

If your plant does make buds and you see them fall off, don't worry. This is natural. Hibiscus are notorious for dropping flower buds in response to stress (such as being grown inside).

All it takes to bring your tropical hibiscus in for winter is a little planning, a bright spot, and regular watering.

How to Bring Hibiscus Indoors Before Winter

Good news: It's easy to move your tropical hibiscus inside for winter. Follow these steps for success:

Step 1: Give your tropical hibiscus a haircut. Remove up to a quarter of the new growth. This saves you from having to clean up a ton of yellow, fallen leaves. Hibiscus naturally drops leaves when it's shocked from going from the outdoors in, so a bunch of fallen leaves is nothing to worry about.

Step 2: If your hibiscus is potted, move the whole pot inside after you cut it back. If

your plant has been growing in the ground, dig it up, then pot it in a container. Use a potting mix made for container plants—don't use garden soil. Soil from your garden doesn't drain well and can bring soil-dwelling pests or diseases into your home.

Step 3: Wash your plant down with a hose (or put it in the shower) to dislodge any insects that may be hanging out on your plant. For extra protection, spray your plant with insecticidal soap or an insecticide containing neem oil to eliminate any pests.

Overwintering Hibiscus Indoors

If you live in an area where temperatures drop below 50F (10C), you'll need to bring your Tropic Escape® hibiscus indoors. Hibiscus are tropical plants and don't survive exposure to freezing temperatures.

NOTE: If you have a hardy hibiscus that plant can stay outdoors over winter depending on your USDA Zone.

Growing a hibiscus indoors requires a lot of light. Tropic Escape® hibiscus

do best in a high-light spot such as a southern-facing window. You can also grow hibiscus under a plant light.

The more light you give your hibiscus over winter, the happier it will be.

Water your hibiscus when the top inch or two of the potting mix dries to the touch. Hibiscus requires substantially less water indoors than when it grows outdoors.



How to Care for Mandevilla Indoors

Like hibiscus, mandevilla does best in a high-light spot inside. If you have a large sunny window or patio door, place your mandevilla nearby. Or, keep your mandevilla happy by growing it under a plant light. The more light you give your plant, the better it will do.

Water your mandevilla when the top inch or two of the potting mix dries to the touch. You'll find your plant needs a lot less water indoors over winter than it did outdoors in summer. You don't have the hot sun beating down on the soil or potting mix, so there's less moisture lost to evaporation. The frequency you'll want to water depends on a variety of factors including temperature, humidity, plant size, pot size, type of potting mix, etc.

It's important to protect your mandevilla from hot or cold drafts inside. This includes heating vents. Blasts of hot (or cold) air can cause yellow or brown foliage that makes your plant unsightly.

Do Mound-Shaped and Vining Mandevilla Require Different Winter Care?

Good news: They don't! Mound-shaped mandevilla don't need support, but vining mandevilla like a trellis or other structure in order to stay upright.





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