

Agave, Century Plant, American Aloe, Maguey

Agave Americana



Family: Agavaceae

Genus: Agave (a-GAH-vee)

Species: americana (am-er-ih-KAH-nuh)

Synonym: *Agave complicate* or *Agave altissima*

Category: Tropicals/Tender Perennials

Height: 4-6 ft. (1.2-1.8 m)

Spacing: 8-10 ft. (2.4-3 m)

Hardiness:

USDA Zone 8a: to -12.2° C (10° F)

to USDA Zone 11: above 4.5° C (40° F)

Sun Exposure:

Full Sun to Partial Shade

Danger:

Plant has spines or sharp edges; use extreme caution when handling

Bloom Color: Bright Yellow

Bloom Time: Late Spring/Early Summer

Foliage: Blue-Green

Other details: Drought-tolerant; suitable for xeriscaping

This plant is monocarpic

PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS:

Plant in well draining, sandy soil in full sun or partial shade. Water in well for the first few days when transplanting to give them a good start, but continued supplemental watering is unnecessary. Extremely drought tolerant as they store moisture in their 'leaves'. Do not allow water to stand on this plant or soil to remain wet or soggy.

Can be grown in a container, be sure to use well draining soil (cactus mix) and allow good drainage in the pot. Allow soil to dry between waterings. Overwatering will rot the roots.

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