



# HELLEBORE



## FACTS

Grow Zone: 4 - 8

Family: Ranunculaceae

Genus: Helleborus

Native To: Europe, Turkey, Balkans

Mature Height: 12"-18"

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Type: Herbaceous perennial

Growth Habit: Low clump-forming, upright

Flowers: Showy, bell-shaped, nodding flowers bloom winter to early spring

Foliage: Dark green, palmate

Propagation: Division, seed

### Why We Love Hellebore:

One of the crown jewels of a winter garden, these hardy, deer-resistant, drought-tolerant perennials are often named Lenten Rose or Christmas Rose for their pink, white, green, or burgundy rose-like flowers. They appear often in Greek mythology.

## LIGHT

Partial sun to full shade. Tolerant of heavy shade.

Protect from harshest winter weather if possible to prevent damage.

## WATER

Water deeply once top two inches of soil are dry. Enjoys melting snow.

Do not allow to sit in standing water.

## SOIL

Prefer rich, fertile, balanced soil with excellent drainage.

Fertilize with organic compost as needed in spring. Choose locations that allow for deep roots.

*FYI: All varieties of hellebore are poisonous to people and pets. Many of the colors available at nurseries come from hybrids of *H. orientalis* crossed with closely related species. Will self-sow.*

## INTERESTING VARIETIES:

- *H. orientalis* (Lenten Rose)
- *Helleborus* × hybrid
- *H. niger* (Christmas Rose)
- *H. viridis*
- *H. foetidus* (Stinking hellebore)
- *H. lividus*
- *H. ericsmithii*

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