



**Greenhouse Pest Message, October 5, 2023**

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### **2024 Easter Lily Schedule**

It's going to be an early Easter (**March 31, 2024**).



Even though Easter 2024 is early, avoid the temptation to speed up lily growth in the first few weeks after emergence. Too often, growers run temperatures in the 70 to 75F range during this critical period in a misguided effort to get ahead of schedule. The result is excessive lily height, poor bud counts and prolonged cold storage periods at the end of the crop.

At emergence, hold a constant day and night temperature of 60-63 F until bud initiation is complete. Bud initiation is typically set when shoots are about 3"-5" tall, mid- to late-January 2024. The development of stem roots coincides with flower bud initiation. During this period, it is imperative that temperatures not exceed 65 F. If you find yourself short on time, increase the rate of lily development after bud initiation is complete. Do not attempt to make up lost time with high temperatures during the bud initiation period.

Please see the 2024 Easter Lily Schedule  
at <https://ipm.cahnر.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/3216/2023/09/2024EasterLilySchedulefinal.pdf>

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