

How to care for your plumeria cutting

Let the cutting harden for about two weeks. Use a well-drained soil such as potting soil mix or perlite in an appropriate size container for 12 to 16 inch cuttings, bury the cut tip 3 inches into the potting medium. Branched cuttings may require staking for support and stability. It is important that the bottom tip of the cutting does not move during the rooting process. Water moderately to allow the soil to adhere to the bottom of the cutting. Do not water again until roots have developed. Soil should be moist, not dry or wet. *How to tell a cutting is developing roots.* Claw like leaves will develop at the tip of the cutting. Continued leaf development indicates rooting is taking place. Rooting should take approximately six weeks in the summer, longer in the spring and early fall. You should not attempt to root cuttings during the winter, unless you have a grow-light and greenhouse type setup or similar. Rooting does not take place below 60 degrees, 70 degrees minimum is preferable. If any portion of the cutting becomes mushy it should be removed. If it is the bottom it should be cut off and let heal at least a week and start the process over. Flowers developing with rooting, the cutting may bloom if a bud was present in the limb when taken from the tree. In many cases the flowers tend to be smaller and the rooting process is slowed. The bud should be removed to encourage the rooting process.

Best of Luck with your cuttings!

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