**Spathiphyllum x ‘Clevelandii’**

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**Introduction**

Popular as a house plant, Spathiphyllum also does well as a tall tropical groundcover (shrub) in shaded outdoor locations, and is especially attractive at entranceways as an accent (Fig. 1). The dark green, strap-like leaves are topped with distinctive, white, calla-like blooms usually held aloft on tall stalks. Plants eventually reach about three feet tall.

**General Information**

**Scientific name:** Spathiphyllum x ‘Clevelandii’  
**Pronunciation:** spath-iff-FILL-lum  
**Common name(s):** Peace-Lily  
**Family:** Araceae  
**Plant type:** herbaceous  
**USDA hardiness zones:** 10B through 11 (Fig. 2)  
**Planting month for zone 10 and 11:** year round  
**Origin:** not native to North America  
**Uses:** mass planting; specimen; container or above-ground planter; suitable for growing indoors; accent  
**Availability:** generally available in many areas within its hardiness range

**Description**

**Height:** 1 to 3 feet  
**Spread:** 2 to 3 feet  
**Plant habit:** round; upright  
**Plant density:** moderate  
**Growth rate:** moderate  
**Texture:** coarse

**Foliage**

**Leaf arrangement:** alternate  
**Leaf type:** simple  
**Leaf margin:** undulate  
**Leaf shape:** ovate  
**Leaf venation:** pinnate

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Figure 2. Shaded area represents potential planting range.

Leaf type and persistence: evergreen
Leaf blade length: 12 to 18 inches
Leaf color: green
Fall color: no fall color change
Fall characteristic: not showy

Flower

Flower color: white
Flower characteristic: flowers periodically throughout the year

Fruit

Fruit shape: round
Fruit length: less than .5 inch
Fruit cover: fleshy
Fruit color: white
Fruit characteristic: showy

Trunk and Branches

Trunk/bark/branches: not applicable
Current year stem/twig color: not applicable
Current year stem/twig thickness: not applicable

Culture

Light requirement: plant grows in the shade
Soil tolerances: sand; acidic; loam
Drought tolerance:
Soil salt tolerances: poor
Plant spacing: 24 to 36 inches

Other

Roots: not applicable
Winter interest: no special winter interest
Outstanding plant: plant has outstanding ornamental features and could be planted more
Invasive potential: not known to be invasive
Pest resistance: long-term health usually not affected by pests
Use and Management

Spathiphyllum needs protection from direct rays of the sun to avoid leaf burn and actually tolerates deep shade amazingly well. A loose, fibrous, moisture-retentive soil is best, along with a regular fertilizer program. It is one of the best tropical plants for container gardening in the shade. Plant on three-foot centers to form a beautiful mass of coarse-textured foliage, particularly behind a lower ground cover or in front of medium-textured shrubs.

The cultivar ‘Wallisii’ grows only to about 12 to 18 inches tall.

Propagation is by division of matted clumps or from seed.

Pests include mites, scales, and mealy-bugs.

Pests and Diseases

No diseases are of major concern.