**Spathiphyllum x ‘Wallisii’ Dwarf Peace Lily**

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**Introduction**

Dwarf peace lily is a 12- to 15-inch-tall plant that is upright in form (Fig. 1). The shiny, dark green leaves of the dwarf peace lily give this plant its charm. These 10-inch-long, arching leaves have puckered veins that impart a rippled or puckered effect. Small, chalk white flowers are packed on a spadix borne in front of an attractive white spathe. These flowers occur in the spring and are followed by mostly inconspicuous, berry-like fruits.

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**General Information**

**Scientific name:** *Spathiphyllum x ‘Wallisii’

**Pronunciation:** spath-iff-FILL-lum

**Common name(s):** dwarf 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; container or above-ground planter; suitable for growing indoors

**Availability:** generally available in many areas within its hardiness range

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![Figure 1. Dwarf peace lily](image1)

![Figure 2. Shaded area represents potential planting range.](image2)
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**Description**
- **Height:** 1 to 1.5 feet
- **Spread:** 1 to 1.5 feet
- **Plant habit:** round; upright
- **Plant density:** moderate
- **Growth rate:** slow
- **Texture:** medium

**Foliage**
- **Leaf arrangement:** alternate
- **Leaf type:** simple
- **Leaf margin:** undulate
- **Leaf shape:** ovate
- **Leaf venation:** pinnate
- **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:** unknown
- **Soil salt tolerances:** poor
- **Plant spacing:** 18 to 24 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**
This plant can be used as a ground cover in completely shady areas of the landscape, or more commonly inside malls and other commercial buildings. It makes a nice, low-maintenance houseplant. It is also an attractive facer plant for taller shrubs and can be used around indoor pools. Use this plant in a partially or fully shaded location in the landscape. The dwarf peace lily prefers rich, well-drained soils that are relatively acidic. It has no salt tolerance and favors warm temperatures. Fertilize this plant regularly during the growing season to maintain a dark green foliage color.

**Pests and Diseases**
Mites, scales, and mealy bugs may be occasional problems.