



Banana Palm

Bananas need all day sunshine and moisture. Before planting, loosen the soil, add plenty of compost, manure and a handful of lime.

Water well, and frequently, particularly in dry weather. Each palm will need a bucket of blended fertiliser, applied four times a year.

They are suckering plants, but too many suckers reduces yield, so allow one leader and two followers/suckers, and remove the rest. Remove any dead material, and when a stem has finished fruiting it will die. Cut it out and remove the dead leaves regularly.

The fruit bunches are heavy, and the sap will stain clothes permanently.

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