

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

IF IT FREEZES WHERE I LIVE HOW DO I WINTERIZE?

In late autumn, when leaves fall off and stems separate easily from the tubers, the tubers are ready for storage. Cut plants back to the ground. You can leave them in containers in a cool, dark spot where temperatures remain above 35 degrees. Refrain from watering until the following spring. Or you can lift tubers and store them in dry peat in a cool, frost free place until the following spring.

HOW CAN I PROPAGATE MY BULBS?

These tubers will re-bloom every summer in the mid June-October period. After 2 to 3 years, in the spring or fall, you may divide the bulbs into small divisions and replant. This is not necessary. At a minimum pot up annually or add fresh soil.

MY BULBS ARE SLOW TO COME UP?

Make sure that you planted them shallow covering with only about one half to one quarter an inch of soil. You might want to make sure that they were planted with the top side up. Pull out one and compare to the bulb picture inside this guide.

WHY ARE SOME OF THE FLOWERS DIFFERENT SIZES?

The male flowers are the largest. The female are the smallest. Usually there is one male to two females. Uh oh! To increase the size of the male flowers you can pinch away the females. This can add 50% more size to the male flowers. Well worth doing especially if you enter a competition at say the garden club or state fair.

FIRST THINGS FIRST...

When your plant arrives from Roberta's, remove from the shipping box immediately.

Keep bulb(s) inside packing material until ready to plant into ground or container. Put in a cool, protected area and plant as soon as possible.

When ready to plant, do the job as early in the day as possible to avoid extreme soil temperatures that prevent proper water uptake from the roots. Water them in well and whisper a few words of wisdom.



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Plant Hardiness Zone Map



ROBERTA'S GARDENS PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Giant American Begonia



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QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Partial
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	9-11
PLANT TYPE	Perennial
PLANTING DISTANCE:	6 inches
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	15-20 inches
BLOOM TIME:	July - September or October
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS: (soil preparation, depth, which end is up, etc.)	Plant one tuber per 8 inch container or two to three per 12-14 inch container. Plant rounded side down with concave side up. The roots will also be on the bottom side. Water thoroughly.

PLANTING GUIDE

1
STEP

Plant one tuber per 8 inch container or two to three per 12-14 inch container. Plant rounded side down with concave side up. The roots will also be on the bottom side. Pots must have drainage holes. If planting bulbs into the garden itself, wait until the threat of frost is over. Partial sun is best.

2
STEP

Cover the top of bulbs with only 1/4 to 1/2 inches of soil.
Water the plants thoroughly.

3
STEP

In pots, you may place plants outside in partial sun as long as evening temperatures stay above 45 degrees Fahrenheit.

4
STEP

Planted now each tuber will produce magnificent, ostentatious flowers up to 6-8 inches across in about ten weeks and all summer long year after year!

CONTINUING CARE

DETERMINING THE BOTTOM OR TOP OF BULB

The rounded side of the bulb with the roots is the bottom side. The top side is the concave side.

SPROUTING TIME

Sprouts after 4-6 weeks. In the ground it takes a little longer if the temperatures are still cold.

BULB PREPARATION

These tubers should be planted immediately in containers.

SHELF LIFE

To insure adequate blooming time, planting should occur by mid June.

GARDEN LOCATION

They prefer partial sun. Cover them with only a 1/4 to 1/2 inch of soil spacing about six inches apart. Wait until the threat of frost is over.

POTTED PLANTS

You may plant them one per 6 inch pot or combine together into larger pots. Leave at least 4 inches of spacing in between the tubers and pot's side. It is best to add fresh soil or pot up in the following spring as the tubers grow significantly in size every year.

SOIL

Use a regular potting or garden soil. Cover them with only 1/4 to 1/2 inch of soil.

WATER

Water upon planting and a couple times a week all summer long.

FERTILIZER

Maintain flower size and count from year to year. For best results, use Roberta's Flower Magic Plant Food (M7503) twice a month all summer long.

LIGHTING

Partial sun is preferred. Full sun will burn flowers.

TEMPERATURE ZONE 9 to 11

If they are planted in the ground, they will come up at the right time without worries of frost damage. If they are planted in pots, you may place your pots outside and leave them there all summer long when nights stay above 45 degrees. In the garden, they can handle temperatures down to about 35 degrees.

WINTER DORMANCY

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PROPAGATING

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ADDITIONAL REFERENCE



Begonia Shipped As Shown



Begonia Flower Size



Full Grown Begonias in Pot



Full Grown Begonias in Garden