

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHY DOES PLANT DEFOLIATE IN WINTER

In most cases you may get as much as half of your leaves falling off in winter months while inside. Don't despair this is due to lack of direct sun and heat. In winter water them less than in the summer - about once per week. Once these go back outside in early summer they will re-leaf extremely fast and more so than ever.

WHEN WILL THEY FRUIT?

In most cases you will get abundant fruit beginning the first season. Ripening occurs in winter months through early summer.

WHAT POT SIZE IS SUFFICIENT?

They need a 10 to 20 inch diameter pot to grow to full maturity. You can start big and move up or start big.

CAN THEY GROW INSIDE YEAR ROUND?

Not year round. The only time to have them in the home is in the winter months when it is fruiting. If you live where it goes below about 40F bring them inside. They may drop a few old leaves in the home as new ones appear. No worry. Just give it a window. In the spring place them back outside.

IS PRUNING NECESSARY?

No pruning is necessary! The best time to prune though is early summer during active growth period. Pruning need not occur but does encourage branching. New growth will flower and then fruit. Just prune above fruit or flower zone.

LEAVES OFTEN DROOP IN SUMMER?

These like a lot of water in the summer. In pots on the deck in the hot sun, water them every day. Often a late afternoon watering and morning watering is needed. This is when fruit is forming so keep adequately hydrated.

IS FERTILIZING NECESSARY?

Yes. Citrus responds to regular weekly feeding or biweekly feeding.

FIRST THINGS FIRST...

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

Remove plastic bag and sleeve from around potted plant(s). Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil. Pull away any yellow or brown leaves that may have occurred during transit. If you can not plant it into garden or larger pot within a few days, make sure it stays well watered.

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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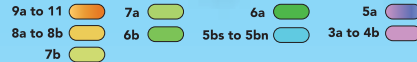
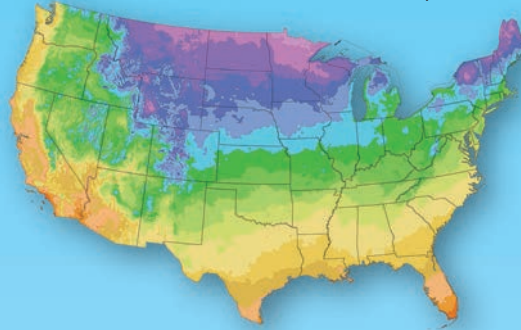
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Plant Hardiness Zone Map



ROBERTA'S GARDENS PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Meyer Lemon & Cocktail Lime
2 in 1 Patio Tree
(Citrus limon and Citrus latifolia)



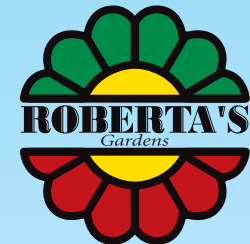
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QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Full to Partial
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	9-11
PLANT TYPE	Annual
PLANTING DISTANCE:	60 inches
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	3-5 feet / 36 inches
BLOOM TIME:	Repeatedly year round
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS: (soil preparation, depth, which end is up, etc.)	Unpack your plants immediately removing any packing material. Water thoroughly. Cut away any yellow or brown leaves or broken stems that may have occurred. Transplant into a larger 12 inch container with adequate drainage holes. Water again. You should place plants outside as long as evening temperatures stay above 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

PLANTING GUIDE

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STEP

Be careful of the prickly areas near the leaf nodes. Unpack your plants immediately removing any packing material. Water thoroughly. Cut away any yellow or brown leaves or broken stems that may have occurred. This grooming is completely normal.

2
STEP

Transplant into a larger 12 inch container with adequate drainage holes. Water again. Citrus need moist soil but not soggy soil. If you live where it stays above freezing they may be planted in the garden slightly above the soil line by 1-2 inches. Water in well.

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STEP

You should place plants outside as long as evening temperatures stay above 50 degrees Fahrenheit. Plants prefer full sun though half day is sufficient.

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STEP

These plants respond to regular summer bimonthly fertilizing with a balanced houseplant food that promotes growth and flowering.

These are hardy down to about 40 degrees Fahrenheit in pots without damaging the plant.

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KEY TIPS

Move these outside in spring. Good ventilation is required. Plants need liberal watering in summer. Water less in winter. They respond to regular summer bimonthly fertilizing with a high bloom houseplant food. Living for decades on end, their fruit is well worth the wait!

SHELF LIFE

Water the plants thoroughly letting the excess water drain through the bottom of the pot. Transplant into larger 12 inch containers separately.

PLANT PREPARATION

Cut away any yellow or brown leaves or broken stems that may have occurred. This grooming is completely normal and will take place as the plant grows. Branching out will rapidly follow any pruning.

POTTED PLANTS

You can transplant gradually one pot size per year up to 20 inches in diameter.

SOIL

They like bagged potting mixes for houseplants that will drain well. Most garden centers carry various brand names with perlite, vermiculite, soil and sand.

GARDEN PREPARATION

If you live where it rarely dips below freezing, they may be planted directly into the garden slightly above the soil line by 1-2 inches. If your soil is clayish amend it with a standard garden soil for adequate drainage.

PLANTING SPACING

If planting into the garden space them 5 feet apart. If planting into a container allow for adequate air ventilation on deck or patio.

PLANT HEIGHT AND WIDTH

These dwarf varieties will grow one foot per year up to maximum of 5 feet tall and 4 feet wide. Easy pickings!

WATER

Water the plants thoroughly letting the excess water drain through the bottom of the pot. Be sure to keep excess water out of any tray underneath pot. Keep moist, during the spring and summer repeating twice a week all summer long. Water less in winter allowing the soil to dry a little.

FERTILIZER

To promote more flowers and fruit use a well balanced fertilizer like Roberta's Flower Magic Plant Food (M7503) twice a month April through October.

LIGHTING

Full sun is best outside in summer. Otherwise a half a day of sun is sufficient. In the winter inside the home, bright light is sufficient.

BLOOMING

Fragrance galore! They bloom during repeatedly year round beginning the first season in some cases but the second for sure!

FRUITING

Ever-bearing after the first year. Ripening occurs in the winter months.

TEMPERATURE ZONE 9 to 11

In pots, these are hardy down to about 40 degrees Fahrenheit without damaging the plant. If you live where it rarely dips below freezing, they may remain outside year round.

WINTER SEASON

This is when the fruit begins to ripen! Place in a bright-lighted room or sunny window area and reduce watering to once a week. It is natural to loose leaves in the winter season. They will return in the summer.

PRUNING

The best time to prune is early summer during active growth period. Pruning need not occur but does encourage branching. New growth will flower and then fruit.

GROOMING

Cut away any yellow, brown leaves or broken stems that naturally occur. Monthly misting with a solution of soapy water will insure glossy pest free leaves. Mix one half teaspoon of standard liquid dish soap and one half teaspoon of vegetable oil in a quart spray bottle of water, shake, and mist the plant profusely.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE



Meyer Lemon Shipped As Shown in 1 Gallon Pot



9 to 12 months old



30-36 months old



Meyer Lemon and Lime Party Time



Meyer Lemon and Persian Lime