

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHEN DO I PRUNE THESE AND HOW MUCH SHOULD I CUT BACK?

Flowers appear on new wood so be sure to prune in the spring. In cold winter areas, you will need to bring plants indoors during winter and bring back outside once the threat of frost has been eliminated. In warm climate areas where winter temperatures rarely dip below freezing you may leave plants outside year round. In early to mid spring you will want to prune plants about 1/3 to 1/2 its size to encourage branching and new flower formation.

### ARE THEY DECIDUOUS OR EVERGREEN?

In warm winter areas these can be grown as evergreen or semi-deciduous shrubs or bedding plants. In cold winter areas, they must be brought indoors where they will take a rest.

### WHERE SHOULD I PLANT THEM?

These upright, semi-trailing Fuchsias are wonderful for containers such as hanging baskets, window boxes, and other patio containers that allow them to elegantly spill over the sides. In warm weather regions you may plant directly in the garden. Their bushy growth makes them perfect flower beds and borders.

### WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT THESE VARIETIES?

These hybrid varieties have been bred to produce extra-large globe-like flowers. Each variety will also produce a large flush of flowers from late spring to fall.

### CAN I GROW THEM INDOORS?

If grown by a bright sunny window, these Fuchsia can indeed be grown indoors. However, they may not produce as many flowers indoors as they would outdoors.

## FIRST THINGS FIRST...

When your plant arrives from Roberta's, remove from the shipping box immediately. Remove plastic bag and/or 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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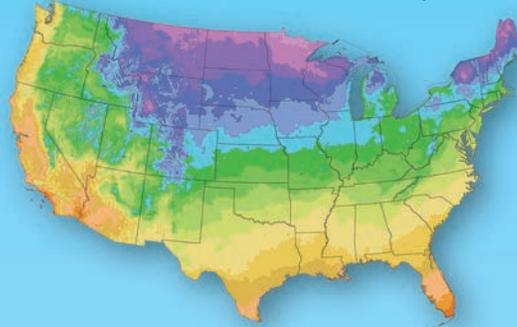
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### Plant Hardiness Zone Map



9a to 11	7a	6a	5a
8a to 8b	6b	5bs to 5bn	3a to 4b
7b			



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## ROBERTA'S GARDENS PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Upright Double Fuchsia  
(Fuchsia hybrids)



# QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Partial Sun to Partial Shade
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	9-11
PLANT TYPE	Annual
PLANTING DISTANCE:	12-18 inches
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	18-24 inches 12-24 inches
BLOOM TIME:	Spring to Fall
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS: <small>(soil preparation, depth, which end is up, etc.)</small>	Remove plastic bag and/or sleeve from around potted plant(s). Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil. Transplant into the garden as soon as evening temperatures stay above 40F.

# PLANTING GUIDE

<b>1</b> STEP	Remove plastic bag and/or 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.
<b>2</b> STEP	Transplant into containers or into the garden as soon as evening temperatures stay above 40F. Dig holes twice the width of the root ball and about 5-6 inches deep. Place them in their holes. Pack soil firmly around roots. Water again. Plants prefer partial sun to partial shade.
<b>3</b> STEP	Rather than in the garden you may re-pot into large containers. Repot plants into at least 10 inch pots.
<b>4</b> STEP	Planted now they will produce flowers in mid summer to mid fall, and earlier in subsequent years.

# CONTINUING CARE

<b>SHELF LIFE</b> Plant into garden or larger pots and place outside immediately after the night temperatures stay above 40F
<b>PLANT PREPARATION</b> 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 cannot plant it into garden or larger pot within a few days, make sure it stays well watered.
<b>POTTED PLANTS</b> Rather than in the garden you may re-pot into containers. Repot the plants into at least 10-12 inch containers. May plant in mixed containers or multiple plants in a single larger container.
<b>SOIL</b> Grow in fertile, moist but well-drained soil. Amend clay type soils with compost or potting mix.
<b>GARDEN PREPARATION</b> If you live in warm weather areas you may plant directly in the garden. Plant in flower beds or borders. In warm weather areas plants will remain semi-evergreen.
<b>PLANTING SPACING</b> If planting in garden space 12 to 18 inches apart. In containers, space about 12 inches apart.
<b>PLANT HEIGHT AND WIDTH</b> Plants grow about 18-24 inches tall and 12-24 inches wide.
<b>WATER</b> Water upon planting and a couple times a week all summer long.
<b>FERTILIZER</b> They respond to feeding with a high bloom fertilizer like Flower Magic plant food (M7503). Twice a month is sufficient.
<b>TEMPERATURE ZONES 9 to 11</b> When nights stay above 40 degrees, place your plants outside and leave them there. They can withstand winter temperatures to 25F.
<b>LIGHTING</b> In the summer growing season, light shade (filtered sun) or partial sun is best.
<b>BLOOMING</b> Under correct conditions, blooming begins in mid summer and lasts into mid fall.
<b>DEADHEADING</b> While not necessary, deadheading old flowers will encourage new flower formation.
<b>PRUNING</b> Flowers appear on new wood so be sure to prune in the spring. In cold winter areas, you will need to bring plants indoors during winter and bring back outside once the threat of frost has been eliminated. In warm climate areas where winter temperatures rarely dip below freezing you may leave plants outside year round. In early to mid spring you will want to prune plants about 1/3 to 1/2 its size to encourage branching and new flower formation.
<b>WINTER DORMANCY</b> In areas where winter temperatures dip below 25F, bring plants indoors and where they will rest. Keep plants lightly moist during winter. Bring back outside once the threat of frost is eliminated.

# ADDITIONAL REFERENCE



Fuchsia shipped as shown



Large globe-like flowers



A real treat in window boxes



Stunning in hanging baskets