

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHAT IS THIS VARIETY LIKE?

'Jersey Knight' is the first all-male hybrid asparagus that produces purple bracted green spears. These are the most sought after for their flavor, texture, high yields, and disease resistant ability. They are a great investment to enjoy that will yield crops for 15-20 years! This variety is very durable and cold tolerant as well as able to grow in warm temperate climates too

### WHEN WILL I BE ABLE TO ENJOY MY FIRST CROP?

These vigorous large graded one year old crowns, production will occur rapidly in the 2nd season and beyond.

### WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO PLANT ASPARAGUS?

Select a planting site with well-drained soil and full sun. The crowns thrive in a sandy loam soil, but they will grow in other soil types. Dig a trench for asparagus crowns in early spring, after the last frost. Make the trenches 5 inches deep and 6-8 inches apart. Planting deeper than 5 inches may result in reduced yields. Plant the asparagus crowns approximately 12-16 inches apart in the trenches with the buds pointing up.

## FIRST THINGS FIRST...

When your plants arrive from Roberta's, remove from the shipping box immediately.

Remove plastic bag and/or sleeve from around roots. Wait until soil temperatures have warmed to 50F degrees before planting.

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



9a to 11 (orange) 7a (light green) 6a (medium green) 5a (purple)  
8a to 8b (yellow) 6b (green) 5bs to 5bn (light blue) 3a to 4b (pink)  
7b (light yellow)



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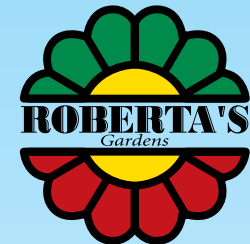
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## ROBERTA'S GARDENS PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Jersey Knight Asparagus  
(*Asparagus officinalis* hybrid)



# QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Full Sun
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	3 - 10
PLANT TYPE	Perennial
PLANTING DISTANCE:	12-16 inches
MATURE HEIGHT:	8-12 inches – Edible Parts 3-4 feet – Post Season Growth
MATURE SPREAD:	12-16 inches wide
TIME TO REACH FULL MATURITY:	18-36 Months
HARVEST TIME:	Late Spring – Early Summer in 2nd season
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS:	Remove plastic bag and/or sleeve from around roots. Wait until soil temperatures have warmed to 50F degrees before planting.
(soil preparation, depth, which end is up, etc.)	

# PLANTING GUIDE

<b>1</b> STEP	Each bundle contains 10 roots. Wait until soil temperatures have warmed to 50 degrees before planting. They like full sun.
<b>2</b> STEP	Select an area that has at least 40 square feet to plant. Dig furrow 5 to 6 inches deep. Space about 12 to 16 inches apart. Place them to the bottom of their holes. Fill furrows with soil without packing down. It does not matter if they are not straight up.
<b>3</b> STEP	Water them thoroughly. Keep top few inches of soil moist in summer. They do not need heavy watering as the roots go deep.
<b>4</b> STEP	The first year let stems develop to grow and fern out without picking or pruning.
<b>5</b> STEP	In early spring during the second season, cut back all previous year growth. In late spring and early summer new stems will grow upward and are the edible portion of plants. Harvest at 8 to 10 inches tall. At end of harvest period, snap off all remaining spears at the ground level.

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## NATURE ATTRACTION

Jersey Knight Asparagus produce high yields of delicious large purple bracted green spears. All-male hybrids they are adapted all warm and cold climates, long-lived and disease resistant.

## KEY TIPS

In early spring during the second season, cut back all previous year growth. In late spring and early summer new stems will grow upward and are the edible portion of plants. Harvest at 8 to 10 inches tall. At end of harvest period, snap off all remaining spears at the ground level.

## SHELF LIFE

Plant into the garden as soon as the ground has warmed to 50 F.

## PLANT PREPARATION

Each bundle contains 10 roots. Remove each bare root from the bundle at time of planting.

## DETERMINING THE BOTTOM OR TOP OF CLUMPS

These clumps have roots radiating from the crown. The roots should be put into the soil facing downward.

## GARDEN LOCATION

They like full sun. Select an area that has at least 40 square feet to plant.

## POTTED PLANTS

These prefer to be placed directly in the garden not in containers.

## SOIL PREPARATION

They like a well-drained soil that has some organic matter like peat, straw, leaf mold or otherwise. Amend clayish soil with a standard garden soil.

## PLANTING DEPTH AND SPACING

Dig furrow 5 to 6 inches deep. Space about 12 to 16 inches apart. Place them to the bottom of their holes. Fill furrows with soil without packing down. It does not matter if they are not straight up.

## PLANT HEIGHT

Edible portion of plants will grow 8 to 10 inches tall. After harvest inedible fern portion of plant will grow 3 to 4 feet tall.

## SPROUTING TIME

Sprouts in late spring. In the ground it takes a little longer if the temperatures are still cool.

## WATER

Water them thoroughly. Keep top few inches of soil moist in summer. They do not need heavy watering as the roots go deep.

## FERTILIZER

Beginning the second year, apply twice yearly. This helps promote new growth and production from year to year. For best results, use a well-balanced plant food once in early spring after you have cut back previous year's fern growth. Apply again as soon as harvest is complete. Roberta's Flower Magic Plant Food (M7503) works exceptionally well.

## LIGHTING

Full sun is needed.

## FOLIAGE

After spring harvest, fern like growth occurs to about 3 or 4 feet tall.

## HARVESTING

In early spring during the second season, cut back all previous year growth. In late spring and early summer new stems will grow upward and are the edible portion of plants. Harvest at 8 to 10 inches tall. At end of harvest period, snap off all remaining spears at the ground level.

## TEMPERATURE ZONE 3 to 10

These are hardy down to a minus 30 degrees below 0 when planted in the ground.

## SEASONAL PRUNING

Always let inedible ferns remain until the spring. In early spring cut back to the ground.

# ADDITIONAL REFERENCE



Asparagus Shipped as Shown



Purple bracted green spears



Flavorful Jersey Knight is absolutely delicious



This all male hybrid is long-lived while producing large harvests