

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### MINE ARE SLOW TO FLOWER?

Under the correct conditions, blooming begins between 100 and 110 days after planting. This means flowers start late July to mid August. Once they sprout leaves, they also need to be watered deep and heavy never letting dry out.

### MY OTHER TUBEROSE DO NOT BLOOM EVERY YEAR

These clusters will re-bloom every year unlike single non-cluster bulbs that are usually purchased. These clusters are significantly stronger and more vigorous bulbs. After 2 years, in the spring or fall, you should divide the clusters into small pear size divisions and replant separately. This is very beneficial to future bloom production.

### HOW DO I LIFT THESE IN FALL?

In November cut back all foliage. If they're in pots, bring them inside. In the spring, place them back outside in full sun. If you live where it rarely drops below 30 degrees, you can leave your plants outside year round if planted directly into the ground. Simply apply 4 inches of mulch and remove the mulch in the spring.

### MY PLANT IS ALWAYS DROOPY?

Make sure to keep these moist all summer long. When they droop water them heavily. Wait 15 minutes and do it again. If they are potted you might consider potting them into a larger size container.

## FIRST THINGS FIRST...

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

Keep tubers 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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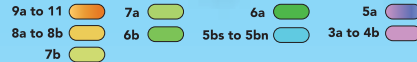
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### Plant Hardiness Zone Map



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## ROBERTA'S GARDENS PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Double Pearl Tuberoses  
(*Polianthes tuberosa* hybrids)



## QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Full
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	7-11
PLANT TYPE	Perennial
PLANTING DISTANCE:	6-12 inches
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	30 inches / 8-12 inches 16-20 inches per tuber 2nd year
BLOOM TIME:	Summer – Late Fall by 1st or 2nd season.
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS:	Plant the clusters pointed ends up into separate 6 inch pots or combine together into larger pots. In pots, place and leave plants outside in the full sun when evening temperatures stay above freezing.
<small>(soil preparation, depth, which end is up, etc.)</small>	

## PLANTING GUIDE

<b>1</b> STEP	Plant the clusters pointed ends up into separate 6 inch pots or combine together into larger pots. Cover top of bulbs with 2 inches of soil. Plastic pots with drainage holes work the best.
<b>2</b> STEP	In pots, place and leave plants outside in the full sun when evening temperatures stay above freezing.
<b>3</b> STEP	Be patient for spring growth. They break in late June with a vigorous growth rate. They like deep watering and lots of sun. They bloom for many months late into the autumn every year.
<b>4</b> STEP	In the fall after the 1st frost, cut plants back to ground and bring pots back inside the garage or basement. Place back outside in late spring after the danger of frost.

## CONTINUING CARE

### SHELF LIFE

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

### BULB PREPARATION

These bulb clusters can be planted immediately in pots. You can also start them in pots and then move them into the garden after the ground has thawed permanently.

### POTTED PLANTS

Plant individually into 6 inch pots. Combine multiple bulbs into larger pots. Transfer gradually one pot size per year in the spring when plants become root bound.

### SOIL

Use a regular potting mix. In the garden, make sure that the soil is not clay or exposed to pests.

### GARDEN PREPARATION

If you live where it rarely freezes they may be planted directly into the garden. If your soil is clayish amend it with a standard garden soil for adequate drainage.

### PLANTING SPACING

If planting in garden or together in one container space 6 to 12 inches apart.

### WATER

Water upon planting. They like to be watered 2 to 3 times per week while they are outside in the hot summer sun. Their soil needs to remain damp during their growing season once they sprout.

### SPROUTING TIME

Grassy like sprouts appear in mid June after 6 weeks. Most often this occurs only after they have been outside in the hot summer sun. Once they sprout they grow fast!

### FERTILIZER

Use a high bloom fertilizer like Hawaiian Flower Magic plant food M7503 every time you water except in the winter dormant period.

### TEMPERATURE ZONES 7 to 11

When nights stay above 45 degrees, place your plants outside and leave them there all summer long. The hotter the better.

When temperatures drop below freezing in the fall, bring your plants inside as they finish up their blooming. If you live where it rarely drops below 30 degrees, you can leave your plants outside year round only if planted directly into the ground.

### LIGHTING

In the summer growing season, full sun is the absolute best. In the winter, any lighting is o.k. because they are completely dormant without leaves.

### BLOOMING

Under the correct conditions, blooming begins between 100 and 110 days after planting. This means flowers start late July to mid August. These luscious flowers bloom all of the way into late October! Keep the soil moist once they sprout.

### GROOMING

Removing individual flower blossoms to place in shallow dishes of water for the home stimulates more bud production.

### WINTER DORMANCY

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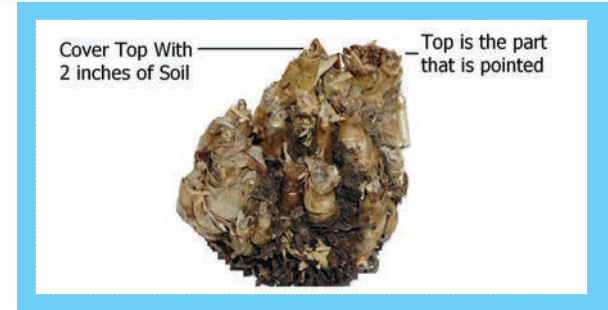
### PROPAGATING

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### CUT FLOWERS

Rather than cutting entire stems it is better to pick individual flower heads and place in shallow dishes of water for the home.

## ADDITIONAL REFERENCE



Shipped As Shown



Double Flowered Tuberose close-up



Valuable Essential Oil



Tuberose in Bloom late August



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