

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHEN CAN I EXPECT BLOOMS?

This new hybrid Gardenia is one of the longest flowering gardenias we've seen yet. Once the plants are well established, you can expect to have flowers from late spring all the way to the first frost!

### WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT THIS VARIETY?

Recently released, Crown Jewel Gardenia is quickly being regarded as the best new cold hardy Gardenia. It can handle cooler temperatures than other gardenias, and its low spreading habit makes it a real winner in the garden, with each plant spreading up to 3-5 feet wide once it is fully matured. Its double petal blossoms are intoxicatingly fragrant and are extraordinarily large compared to most gardenias.

### DO THEY LIKE WET FEET?

Grown in the garden, Crown Jewel appreciates a regular watering schedule throughout the summer and more watering if experiencing extreme heat. Once the root system is well established, it will be considerably more drought tolerant.

### ARE THEY EVERGREEN?

Not only does Crown Jewel produce bounties of heavenly white flowers, its glossy foliage will remain evergreen year round.

### WHERE SHOULD I PLANT THEM?

Because it is a wonderful low spreading Gardenia, it looks fantastic all around the garden scape along borders, edges, walkways, in mass settings, or in your garden beds. This is a plant you'll want to have all around the garden for its beauty, fragrance and ease.

### CAN I GROW THEM INDOORS?

Yes! While this gardenia does exceptionally well outside, they are great performers in containers both outdoors and inside the home where the fragrance can truly shine.

### WHAT ARE SOME NICE COMPANION PLANTS?

Agapanthus, Coral Bells, Camellia, Fuchsia, Coneflowers, and Oriental Lilies are all great companions.

## 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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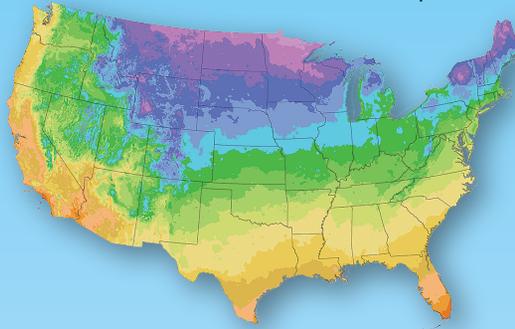
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### Plant Hardiness Zone Map



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



## ROBERTA'S GARDENS PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Gardenia Crown Jewel  
(Gardenia jasminoides hybrid)



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## QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Full Sun to Partial Shade
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	6-11
PLANT TYPE	Perennial
PLANTING DISTANCE:	3-5 feet
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	2-3 feet 3-5 feet
BLOOM TIME:	Late Spring to Fall by 2nd Season
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS:	Unpack your plants immediately removing any packing material. Water immediately. Cut away any yellow or brown leaves or broken stems that may have occurred. Transplant into larger 10-12 inch containers separately. Water again.
<small>(soil preparation, depth, which end is up, etc.)</small>	

## PLANTING GUIDE

1  
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 or spent flowers 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.

2  
STEP

Transplant into the garden as soon as evening temperatures stay above 40F. Dig holes twice the width of the root ball and about 5 to 6 inches deep. Place them in their holes. Pack soil firmly around roots. Fill with soil and pack in firmly covering entire root zone. Water again. Plants prefer partial sun or full sun.

3  
STEP

Rather than in the garden you may re-pot into large containers. Repot the plants into at least 10 inch pots separately or together inside one larger container.

4  
STEP

Planted now they will produce flowers in late spring to mid fall.

## CONTINUING CARE

### SHELF LIFE

Plant into garden or larger pots and place outside immediately after the night temperatures stay above 40 degrees.

### PLANT PREPARATION

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### SOIL

Plants prefer a well drained soil that is rich in organic matter. If soil is clay or sandy amend with compost or potting mix.

### POTTED PLANTS

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### PLANT SPACING

In the garden, space plants about 3 to 5 feet apart, giving them room to grow.

### PLANT HEIGHT AND WIDTH

These grow about 2-3 feet tall and 3-5 feet wide once established.

### WATER

Water upon planting and continue with regular watering throughout summer. Additional watering may be needed if extreme heat is present.

### FERTILIZER

For best results, use a high acid fertilizer once or twice a month like Roberta's Bounty.

### TEMPERATURE ZONES 6 TO 11

They can withstand temperatures down to minus -5F outside in the garden.

### LIGHTING

In the summer growing season, partial to full sun is absolute best.

### BLOOMING

Under correct conditions, blooming begins late spring and persists all the way into autumn. Blooming will start later the first season.

## ADDITIONAL REFERENCE



Shipped as Shown



Fragrant double blooms from late spring to fall



Low spreading growth makes for wonderful accent around garden



Plenty of opportunities to cut flowers for vases