

TIPS AND FAQs

UPON ARRIVAL

When you receive your plants, immediately open the package to give your plants some fresh air and remove your plants from the box. Preferably open your box outside or somewhere that you don't mind getting messy, as some of the soil may have been shaken loose in transit.

Remove the plastic bag and sleeve from around the potted plant and discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil.

WATER

Water your plants immediately after taking them out of the box. Give them enough water so that the soil appears damp and water trickles out the bottom of the pot.

IF PLANTS APPEAR DRY

Sometimes plants may appear dried out and wilted after the voyage. Do not despair. Generally, when this happens the foliage may look lackluster but the rootstock is still perfectly healthy and alive. To plump your plants back up, water them and wait 5 minutes and then water them again. This will generally rehydrate them. Keep these plants well-watered until you can re-plant them into larger containers or in the garden.

YELLOW OR BROWN LEAVES

When you receive your plants, there may be some yellowed or browned foliage on the plant. This is normal. Pull those leaves off your plant. This will encourage new leaves to grow.

Feel free to prune off any unruly branches at this time as well.

TIME TO PLANT!

Your plants are now ready to be replanted! Pick a large container that is 10-20 inches wide. Pop your plants out of the shipping containers, replant, and water again. We recommend replanting in the morning or evening when outside temperatures are not at extremes. This will allow for proper water uptake from the roots.

KEY LIME TIPS

Widely considered the most flavorful of all limes, it is also a very easy plant to grow. These plants must be grown outdoors in the summer and then brought indoors in the winter. Keep them outdoors as long as the night time temperatures remain above 45F.

During the summer, they love as much heat and sun as possible, and likewise lots of water and regular fertilizing once a week. Regular deep watering is the best. Water until you see it trickle out the bottom of the plant. If the weather is quite hot, it may require water once or twice daily. If foliage begins to look droopy in the summer, increase your watering.

CONTAINER SIZE

A 10 to 20 inch container is ideal. This is a size that allows for easy transportation from outdoors to indoors. If you have a large home with ample space, you can gradually transplant to an even larger container if you'd like.

WINTERTIME

It happens every so often that citrus will lose some of their foliage in the winter. This is normal and a result of having less sun and heat. During the winter you will also water your plants less, maybe once or twice a week.

PRUNING

Pruning is not necessary, although you may want to prune your plant to a desired shape. The best time to prune is early summer. This will encourage new branching. You may also prune away any unruly branches right when you receive your plant.



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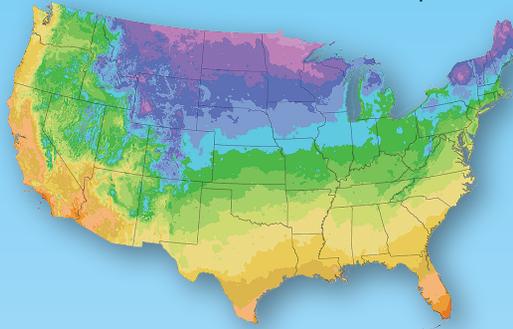
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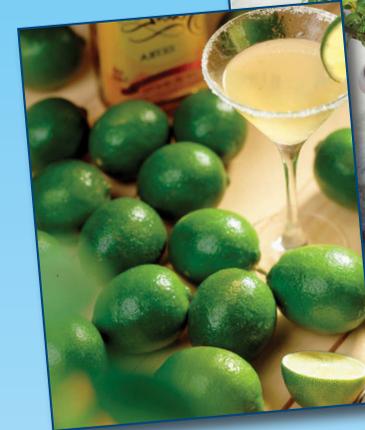
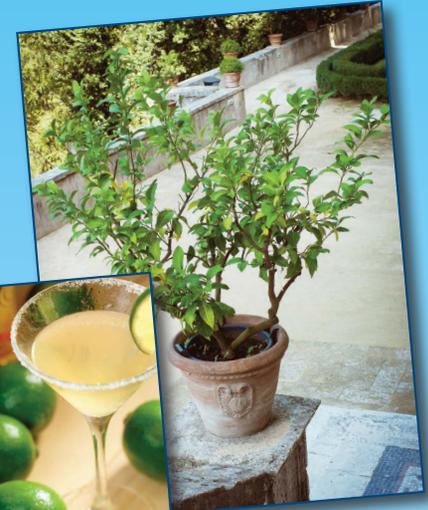
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ROBERTA'S GARDENS PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Key Lime Tree
(Citrus aurantiifolia)



QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Full to Partial
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	9-11
PLANT TYPE	Annual
PLANTING DISTANCE:	48"
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	24-48" 12-36"
BLOOM TIME:	Repeatedly year round

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.

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STEP

Transplant into a larger 10-20 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.

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STEP

These are hardy down to about 40 degrees Fahrenheit in pots without damaging the plant. They will begin producing flowers in the summer and fruit in the winter, by the second season.

CONTINUING CARE

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 10-20 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 4 feet apart. If planting into a container allow for adequate air ventilation on deck or patio.

PLANT HEIGHT AND WIDTH

This variety grows about 2-4 feet tall and 1-3 feet wide.

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 Bounty two to four times 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



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