

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.

If plants arrive dry, it is often because the roots have outgrown the small shipping pots and need more room to grow; roots tend to dry out quickly in small containers. This also means your plants are very much alive and when you transplant them into larger pots or the earth, they will start growing quickly! So, re-plant them as soon as possible.

YELLOW OR SCRAGGLY FOLIAGE

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

If a lot of your plant looks scraggly and a little stretched out, simply take some scissors or shears and cut the foliage back just above the soil line. This haircut will create dense, bushier growth and will give your plant some new life.

TIME TO PLANT!

Your plants are now ready to be replanted! Pick a large container or area of the garden that you wish to place your plants. Give the soil you are about to plant into a nice deep watering before planting your plant. 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.

FIRST YEAR MAINTENANCE

For perennials, the first year (or sometimes two) will require additional maintenance. During the first season of growth, even if the plant is known to be drought-tolerant, it is very important to water your plants on a regular basis, meaning up to 3-4 times per week. When plants are in their infancy stage, they need to be watered by their caretaker until they've had a chance to build a strong enough root system to subsist on their own. If you are experiencing severe heat, drought like conditions or your plants appear consistently droopy, you may need to water your plants almost every day.

TIPS

To encourage the most flowers hot, sunny conditions with good drainage is necessary. If planted in too much shade, your plants will often grow nice and lush, but will not have as many flowers.

These groundcovers are excellent along walkways, driveways, in rock gardens, at the front of the perennial borders, overflowing in containers, on slopes, graveled patches, or water-wise gardens.



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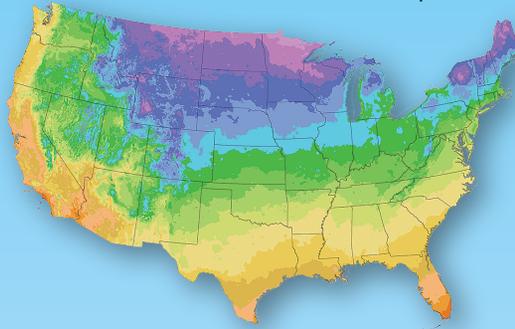
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Plant Hardiness Zone Map



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



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ROBERTA'S GARDENS PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Hardy Succulent Flowering Ice Plants (Delosperma hybrids)



QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Full to Partial Sun
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	5-10
PLANT TYPE	Perennial
PLANTING DISTANCE:	18-20 inches
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	3-5 inches 18-20 inches
BLOOM TIME:	Late Spring - Early Autumn Fall by 2nd Season
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS:	Remove netting and/or sleeve from around the tray or potted plant. Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil. If you cannot plant it into garden or larger pots within a few days, there is no need to water them yet. Place them outside if evening temperatures remain above 40F.
(soil preparation, depth, which end is up, etc.)	

PLANTING GUIDE

1
STEP

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2
STEP

On the day of planting, if plants are growing into each other you may simply pull apart carefully or even cut them apart. This "haircut" actually stimulates thicker growth.

3
STEP

They pop out individually very easily by pushing upwards on the bottom of the tray or pot directly under each plant.

4
STEP

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 them in.

CONTINUING CARE

PLANT PREPARATION

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POTTED PLANTS

Rather than in the garden you may re-pot into large containers. Shallow containers work better than deep containers because they dry out faster.

SOIL

Soil should be light and porous; not rich and wet. A nourishing mix of peat, sand, perlite, soil and compost is fine.

GARDEN PREPARATION

They prefer full sun to partial sun.

PLANTING SPACING

If planting in garden space 18 to 20 inches apart.

PLANT HEIGHT AND WIDTH

These grow about 2 to 3 inches tall and 12 to 18 inches wide.

WATER

In the garden, starting the second season they will not require watering beyond normal rainfall. Make sure automatic sprinklers do not wet them down. During the first season, it is important to water them more often, such as a few times per week so that they may establish a solid root system. If potted, treat them as you would a cactus, watering only when quite dry and allowing excess water to drain out of the bottom of the pot. Be sure to empty any extra water that may be sitting in dish beneath pot.

FERTILIZER

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

TEMPERATURE ZONES 5 to 10

When nights stay above 40 degrees, place your plants outside and leave them there. They can withstand winter temperatures to minus 15F.

LIGHTING

In the summer growing season, full sun is the absolute best. Otherwise a half a day of sun is sufficient.

BLOOMING

Under correct conditions, blooming begins in early summer and persists all summer by second season.

PRUNING

Pruning is not necessary.

WINTER DORMANCY

Leave old flower heads on the plant and let them go to seed.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE



Ice Plant Shipped As Shown



Cascading over walls



Incredible along walkways, driveways and edges



Loads of flowers for many months each year



Perfect groundcover to replace mulch along slopes