

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 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.

If a lot of your plant looks yellow or brown and it makes your worried, take some scissors and cut your plant back, leaving about one inch of stem on the plant. This will give your plant a chance to restart and will promote bushier first season growth.

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

We recommend give your Red Hot Pokers a trim if the foliage looks a little bit scraggly, this will encourage new, healthier growth. And at the beginning of spring, trim your plants back to about 6" above soil to allow your plants to produce fresh growth for the new season.

It is also beneficial to remove spent flowers, because this will allow room for new flowers to emerge.



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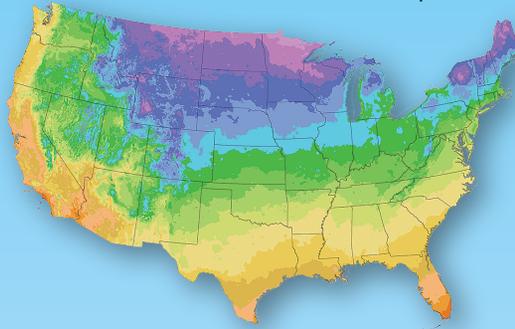
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ROBERTA'S GARDENS PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Red Hot Poker Collections
(Kniphofia [Tritoma] hybrids)



QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Full to Partial Sun
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	5-9
PLANT TYPE	Perennial
PLANTING DISTANCE:	16-18"
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	14-20" 16-20"
BLOOM TIME:	Summer, by 2nd season

PLANTING GUIDE

1
STEP

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 or spent flowers that may have occurred during transit. If you cannot plant into the garden or a larger pot right away, make sure the plants stay well-watered.

2
STEP

Water your plants just before popping them out of the shipping containers. Transplant into the garden as soon as evening temperatures stay above 40F. Dig holes the width of the root ball and about 5-6 inches deep. Place them in the holes and pack soil around the roots, filling the hole and making sure all the roots are covered with soil. Water them well again.

3
STEP

Alternatively, you may plant them in containers. Transplant into a larger container that slightly less wide than the maximum width your plant is expected to grow as indicated above. You may also choose an even larger container and plant multiple plants together in the same pot.

4
STEP

It is important to keep new plants well-watered for their first year of growth, making sure they do not become dried out for prolonged periods. This may mean watering your plants 3-4 times per week or more, depending on your region's weather. As years progress, your plants will not require as much care.

5
STEP

Planted now, your plants will produce flowers in the summer by the second season.

CONTINUING CARE

NATURE ATTRACTION

Flamboyant forms, vibrant colors, long blooming season, and fail-proof results best describe the Red Hot Poker. Their waxy tube-shaped blossoms blaze in reds, oranges, and golds on sturdy stems that rise ramrod straight. Also known as torch lilies, they are highly performing must have plants for every garden.

KEY TIPS

Plants can take intense sun on the flowers and leaves. Big, bold, and bright colors couldn't be more pleasing with so little effort beckoning hummingbirds and bees. They will grow in any type of soil whether it is graveling or clayish so plant them in that one spot that nothing else grows.

SHELF LIFE

Plant into the garden as soon as the ground has thawed enough to dig.

PREPARATION

Remove each plant from their plastic bag. It is best to trim away yellow or brown leaves that may have occurred. Initial grooming means more flowers on more vigorous stems.

GARDEN LOCATION

They like full sun although partial fine too.

POTTED PLANTS

These dwarf varieties do excellent in pots or containers. Use a 10 to 12 inch pot plant per plant, or plant multiple in a larger container.

SOIL PREPARATION

They will grow in just about any type of soil. No kidding!

PLANTING DEPTH and SPACING

Plant separately spacing about 16-18 inches. Dig holes twice the width of the root ball and about 6-8 inches deep. Place them in their holes.

PLANT HEIGHT AND WIDTH

They will grow about 14-20" tall and wide.

WATER

Water thoroughly upon planting and a couple times per week until they get well established. They are drought tolerant beginning the second season.

FERTILIZER

This helps maintain flower size and count from year to year. For best results, use Roberta's Bounty once a month all summer long.

LIGHTING

Full sun is preferred though half day is sufficient.

BLOOMING

These plants will bloom early summer through autumn.

TEMPERATURE ZONE 5 to 9

They can withstand winter temperatures to minus 20F if planted in the garden and about 0F if planted in containers.

WINTER DORMANCY

Cut away any old growth the following spring that has turned brown. In cold winter areas, this will be all of the plant. In warmer areas, it may only amount to a small "hair cut".

PROPAGATING

They can be subdivided in late autumn or early spring after 2-3 years. Just stick a shovel or trowel down between the clumps and pull apart anywhere. They love it!

GROOMING

Simply cut away bloomed out stems after spent during the summer.

CUT FLOWERS

If you want to cut your stems for a flower vase, cut the entire stem.

STAKING

The stems need no staking.

DEER RESISTANT

Yes they are quite deer resistant!

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE



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