

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.

FOLIAGE TURNED YELLOW MIDSUMMER

This will happen to Columbines after flowering in hot weather regions. Simply prune your plants back and you will likely see new growth within a few weeks, although they may not flower again until the next spring.

PRUNING

If foliage turns yellow in summer, prune your plants then. Otherwise, wait until the first frost and at that point cut your plants to the ground.



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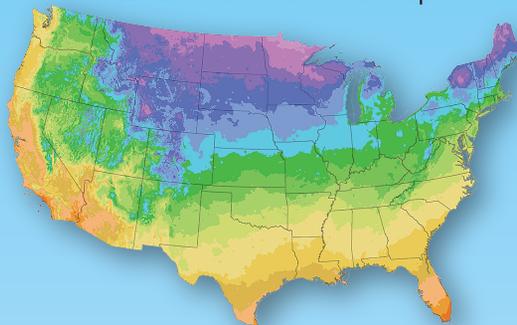
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Plant Hardiness Zone Map



9a to 11	7a	6a	5a
8a to 8b	6b	5bs to 5bn	3a to 4b
7b			



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ROBERTA'S GARDENS PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Columbine Collections (Aquilegia hybrids)



QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Full, Partial, or Dappled
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	3-9
PLANT TYPE	Perennial
PLANTING DISTANCE:	2-3 feet
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	Height - 18-24 inches Spread - 2-3 feet
BLOOM TIME:	Late Spring – Early Summer by second season.
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS:	Remove plastic bag and/or sleeve from around potted plant(s). Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil. Transplant into the garden as soon as evening temperatures stay above 40F.
<small>(soil preparation, depth, which end is up, etc.)</small>	

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 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.

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STEP

Transplant into the garden as soon as evening temperatures stay above 40F. Dig holes twice the width of the root ball and about 5-6 inches deep. Place them in their holes. Pack soil firmly around roots. Water again. Plants will take full, partial, or dappled 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.

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STEP

Planted now they will produce flowers in late spring – early summer by second season.

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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POTTED PLANTS

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SOIL

Amend clay type soils with compost or potting mix.

GARDEN PREPARATION

They prefer full sun or partial sun or dappled sun.

PLANTING SPACING

If planting in garden space 2 to 3 feet apart.

PLANT HEIGHT AND WIDTH

These grow about 18 to 24 inches tall and 2 to 3 feet wide.

WATER

Keep moist. Water upon planting and a couple times a week all summer long.

FERTILIZER

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

TEMPERATURE ZONES 3 to 9

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

LIGHTING

In the summer growing season, full sun, partial sun, or dappled sun is fine.

BLOOMING

Under correct conditions, blooming begins in late spring and lasts into early summer by second season.

PRUNING

Pruning is not necessary. However if leaves turn yellow in the heat of the summer cut them back to the ground. This normally happens after Columbine flower in areas with hot or dry summers. If you keep the soil evenly moist, this may not happen. The plant is not dead. It may not grow or make an appearance again until the next spring. It is a good idea to have some annuals or a potted plant to set out to fill in the empty space where the Columbine was.

WINTER DORMANCY

In late autumn or early spring, cut plants back to the ground.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE



Columbine Shipped
As Shown

