

Tips for Success

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Plants look Dry or Foliage appears Lackluster: Sometimes plants may appear dried out and wilted after the voyage. Do not despair. 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 within the next week. 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. 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. Remove any yellow or brown foliage.

Time to Plant! 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. Your plants are now ready to be replanted. Follow the planting guide inside for detailed instructions on how to most effectively plant your new plants.

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.

Azalea: Perfecto Mundo is a BRAND NEW Pink Double Petaled richly colored Azalea that doesn't just bloom in the spring and hibernate the rest of the year. After its spring flowers, they take a rest before blooming again from summer to frost! One of the longest bloomers on the market! And they're very resistant to pesky lacebugs and other common Azalea pests. This dense 3-4' shrub grows well in sun or part shade. A true joy to incorporate in every landscape. It is especially vibrant as a stand alone shrub in a woodland setting or with conifers as the back drop.



Roberta's Gardens PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Proven Winners® Perfecto Mundo® Double Pink or Red Azalea *Rhododendron x*

We aren't happy if you aren't happy. If you have any questions regarding your order please call us at **1-765-525-4065** during the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm EST. You can email questions to us at: customerservice@robertasinc.com.

If your bulbs, cuttings, etc. do not sprout, or your plant dies within one year from the date of shipment, we will send you a replacement free of charge. We cannot accept responsibility for losses due to extreme weather or neglect. Simply call us at the above toll tree number or fill out the plant replacement form on our website at RobertasUniqueGardens.com.

Roberta's will replace it with a similar or comparable plant at no charge. If your replacement is not available or it is too late in the season to ship, it will ship the following year.

Perennials



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Quick Reference

 **Plant Type:** Perennial

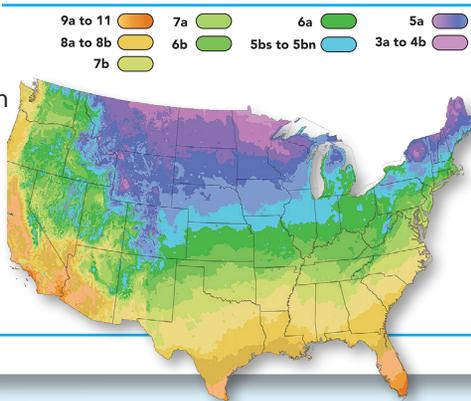
 **Light/Sun:** Full to Partial Sun

 **Mature Height:** 3'

 **Mature Spread:** 3-4'

 **Bloom Time:** Spring to Fall

 **USDA Hardiness Zones:** 6 to 9



Plant Caretaking

Upon Arrival: Please take plants out of the box immediately and remove any shipping materials from around the plants. Give them some water and place them in a warm sunny area for 1-2 days before replanting.

Planting Depth & Spacing: Dig a deep enough hole so that the entire plant easily fits into the hole and the top of the soil line of your plant is flush with the top of the soil in the hole you have dug. It is important that the root system of your Azalea sits just below the soil line. They are shallow rooted plants. Space at least 4' apart in the garden.

Potted Plants: Make sure your container has holes to allow excess water to drain. Place one plant in an 18-24" container. Do not plant multiple together in the same pot.

Soil Preparation: If your soil is clayish, amend it with standard potting mix to improve drainage. They prefer neutral to acidic soil. Using nutrient rich compost will greatly help your Azaleas become established.

Watering: To determine if your plant needs water, put your finger in the top of the soil and if the top inch is dry, it is time to water. It is important to make sure young plants do not experience long periods of dryness. However, they also do not like soggy conditions. They must be grown in well draining soil. Water logged conditions will lead to unhappy plants.

Fertilizer: Use Roberta's Bounty a couple weeks after planting. In future years, fertilize from March to June.

Pet Considerations: Ensure your pets do not consume plants.

Mulch: Adding a 2-3" layer of Mulch will help your plants retain moisture and keep their root systems cool in the summer and warm in the winter.

Pruning: These Azaleas will benefit from a light pruning in the spring time just after they have finished flowering. Prune away spent flowers, as well as light trimming and any desired shaping.

Planting Steps

Step 1 Remove plants from their box and take off other packing materials. Open your box outside or somewhere you don't mind getting messy, as some of the soil may have been shaken loose in transit.

Step 2 Check if your plant is thirsty. They probably need a nice drink of water after their voyage. If the plant feels light or the soil is dry to the touch, give your plants a watering.

Step 3 Allow your plants time to adjust to their new home before re-planting by placing them in a warm sunny spot for 1-2 days. Then they will be ready for re-planting with renewed vigor.

Step 4 Pull away or cut off any yellow or brown leaves, or any old flowers – this is normal.

Step 5 Transplant into the garden or containers as soon as evening temperatures stay above 40F. Dig holes the width of the root ball and deep enough so that the original top of the soil is flush with the new soil line. Water the new location before and after planting your plant. This will help the young roots stay hydrated. Once you've placed your plant in the hole, fill in the rest of the hole with extra soil or potting mix, ensuring the entire root system is covered with soil.

Azaleas have shallow root systems and should not be planted too deeply. Make sure the roots sit just below the soil line.

