

## Tips for Success

**Water:** Water your plants immediately after planting and water about once every 7-10 days until you see growth sprouting. They will appreciate regularly watering during the active growing months and less water in the autumn and winter.

**Powdery Mildew:** *Liatris Blazing Star* can be susceptible to Powdery Mildew if the right care is not given. To avoid powdery mildew, it is important to water your plants deeply and regularly. When they go too long without water, especially when they are young plants, they will react negatively and release the powdery mildew as a response. It is important to watch your plants and make sure you are watering on a regular basis and watering deeply when you do.

**Dividing *Liatris*:** These plants are very easy to subdivide. It is recommended to divide them every 3-4 years to keep the plants healthy. In late autumn, cut the foliage back to the soil. Dig the plant out of the soil and use a sharp knife to cut the tuber into multiple pieces, ensuring each eye has at least one 'eye'. Replant your newly divided plants and water them in well.

***Liatris Blazing Star*:** This prairie native is a superb perennial that becomes exceptionally drought tolerant once established (year 3 or 4). They produce wonderful clumps of strappy, grasslike foliage with thick wands of purple flowers during the summer. Try planting amongst your other perennials such as *Hemerocallis*, *Rudbeckia*, *Echinacea*, *Dahlia*, *Geranium*, *Dianthus*, and *Coreopsis*.



# Roberta's Gardens

## PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



**Liatris Blazing Star**  
*Liatris spicata*

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](mailto: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 free number or fill out the plant replacement form on our website at [RobertasUniqueGardens.com](http://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 Sun

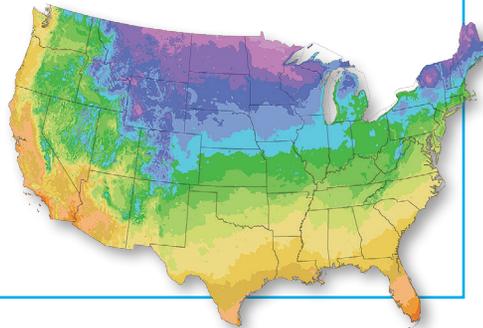
 **Mature Height:** 3-4'

 **Mature Spread:** 1'

 **Bloom Time:**

Summer by second season

 **USDA Hardiness Zones:** 3 to 9



## Plant Caretaking

**Upon Arrival:** Keep bulb(s) inside packing material until ready to plant into ground or container. Put in a cool, protected area and plant as soon as possible. For extended storage time, place in refrigerator for up to 3 weeks.

**Planting Depth & Spacing:** In the garden, dig a 4-6" deep hole and place the bulb in the hole with the rounded side down, and the jagged pointed end up. Space bulbs about 4" apart.

**Potted Plants:** Make sure your container has holes to allow excess water to drain. You may plant 3 bulbs in an 8-10" container, or more together in an even larger container.

**Soil Preparation:** If your soil is clayish, amend it with standard potting mix to improve drainage.

**Watering:** Water upon planting and once you see growth during the spring and summer months, water a couple times each week. They will become more drought tolerant once established.

**Fertilizer:** Use Roberta's Bounty a couple weeks after planting and then once or twice a month all summer long.

**Pet Considerations:** Ensure your pets do not consume plants.

**Winter Dormancy:** In late autumn or early spring cut plants back down to the ground.

## Planting Steps

**Step 1** Keep bulb(s) inside packing material until ready to plant into ground or container. Put in a cool, protected area and plant as soon as possible. For extended storage time, place in refrigerator for up to 3 weeks.

**Step 2** In the garden dig a hole about 4" deep and place the bulbs in the hole with the rounded side on bottom. Back fill the hole with additional soil and water in your newly planted bulbs well so that all the surrounding soil is well saturated.

**Step 3** You should start to see some sprouts emerge once temperatures begin to rise, around mid May.

