

Tips for Success

We Help You Grow!: For a quick video showing how to care for your new Desert Rose, simply search "Desert Rose Adenium with Devin Wallien" to find his informative video. Further information and growing tips can be found at RobertasUniqueGardens.com & QVC.com

My Plants Lost Their Foliage: During the winter months and the temperatures transition from warm to cool, you may lose some or all of the foliage on your plants. Do not worry. As long as the trunk is not soggy or mushy, your plant is still alive and healthy. They will re-grow foliage in due time.

Can They Be Grown Indoors All Year?: Desert Rose are well suited to the indoor environment. But they must grow by the sunniest window in your home. The more sun, the better - this is an important factor for flower formation. Inside the home, temperatures need to remain above 60F, but closer to 70F is better. During the warm summer months you may bring your plant outdoors on your porch or patio. This may even encourage more growth and flowers. But be sure to bring indoors if night temperatures drop below 55F or heavy rains are expected.

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. Let them completely dry out between watering. To determine if the soil is totally dry, stick your finger in the soil and if the top 1-2" is dry, then you may water again. Your plants are now ready to be replanted! We recommend replanting your Desert Rose in a clay (terra cotta) container that is anywhere from 6 to 12 inches across. Growing in clay will help your plant dry out more quickly, which is what we want. Over time you may replant into larger pots.

Desert Rose: These plants are highly revered for their unique structure, glossy foliage and gorgeous flowers. Adenium is a natural bonsai and can remain in the same small container for many years. Because they are native to intense desert conditions, they truly need stressful conditions in order to bloom. This means giving them as much sun as possible and allowing them to dry completely out between watering. It may be difficult to not treat your Desert Rose with that same tender, love, and care you show your other plants, but they will thank you for it.



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Mumbai Madness Adenium Desert Rose
Adenium hybrids

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You can email questions to us at: customerservice@robertasinc.com.

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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.



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Annual and Tropical Plants

Quick Reference

 **Plant Type:** Tropical

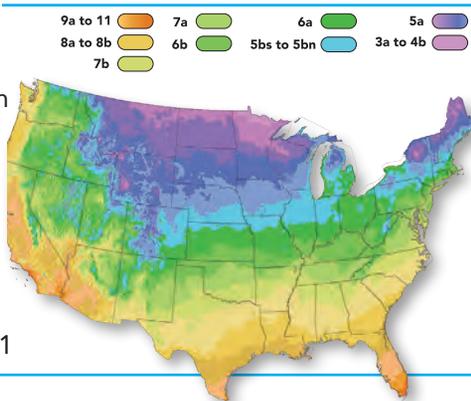
 **Light/Sun:** Full to Partial Sun

 **Mature Height:** 1-3'

 **Mature Spread:** 1-2'

 **Bloom Time:** Summer to Fall,
by second season

 **USDA Hardiness Zones:** 9 to 11



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 soil line of your plant does not protrude above the soil line in the ground or container. It is recommended to only put one plant in a pot.

Potted Plants: Adenium prefer pots that allow their soil to dry rapidly and to allow room for their swollen base or caudex to expand. We recommend a 6 to 12 inch clay or ceramic pot. You may re-pot your desert rose every year or two to larger size pot if desired; however, it may remain in the 6 to 12 inch pot forever. You may keep your potted plant indoors all year in the sunniest window. They need indoor temperatures above 60F, but closer to 70F is preferable. During the hot summer months, you may place your plant outdoors, but make sure to bring it indoors if night temperatures drop below 55F and shelter it from any heavy rains.

Soil Preparation: They like cactus mix or other well draining potting mix. Most garden centers carry various brand names with perlite, vermiculite, soil and sand.

Watering: During the summer months, they need regular watering. With a quick draining potting mix, water the desert rose when the soil feels completely dry when you insert your finger into the soil. Saturate the soil until moisture drips from bottom of the pot and make sure to empty pot's drip tray after every watering. Allow soil to become totally dry between watering. In the winter your plants will require less water due to cooler weather. This may mean watering as little as once or twice a month. Adeniums are extremely susceptible to rot when watered too frequently during cool weather or if chronically waterlogged at any season. Use of a well-drained potting medium prevents most rotting problems. If unsure whether to water or not, dry is better than overly wet.

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. Some parts of this plant can be toxic to your pets.

Blooming: Desert Rose will generally begin blooming the second season. To encourage flowers, Desert Rose need to experience quite stressful conditions, i.e. they need intense sun, heat, and dryness to encourage flower formation. Thus, it is recommended to place them outdoors during the hot summer months if possible. When you see buds forming on the plants, it is important to not over water at this point. If you water too much while buds are present, they will be too comfortable and the buds may never open. They like stress in order to flower.

Planting Steps

Step 1 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 cannot plant it into a larger pot within a few days, water lightly when soil is dry.

Step 2 We recommend a 6 to 12 inch ceramic or clay pot. Please avoid using plastic pots. When replanting make sure to use a quick draining cactus type potting mix and do not plant deeper than original soil line. Try not to disturb roots when transplanting. Immediately water your plant until water is seen coming through the bottom of the pot. If using a dish under the pot to catch excess water, be sure to empty it immediately.

Step 3 Keep your plants by the sunniest window you have inside the home. Or when nights stay above 55 degrees you may place plants outside and leave them there all summer long- the hotter the better. Be sure to shelter your plant from any heavy rains if left outside. Allowing your plants to stay outside in the summer is very beneficial to their vigor.

Step 4 In the winter inside the home, place in sunny location and water only once every two weeks, or until soil is completely dry. Keep away from cold drafts. Over watering your plants in the winter can rot the root system beyond repair.

Step 5 It is normal to lose a few leaves in the first couple weeks after transplanting or when the weather initially changes from warm to cool.

