

Tips for Success

We Help You Grow To learn a little bit about Banana Plant Care, simply search online "Dividing Banana Plants with Devin Wallien" to watch his video. Further information and growing tips can be found at RobertasUniqueGardens.com & QVC.com

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.

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.

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.

Bring those Tropical vacations right to your garden with 'Ever Red' Banana Tree! Not only does this brand new banana grow extremely fast reaching 6'+ in a single season, each of its lush banana leaves is streaked with stripes of burgundy creating even more beauty and interest. Oh yeah, and it is winter hardy to 0F! So that means you can plant it right in the ground and it'll come back year after year making Tropical memories for you in your garden each season. It's also an incredible statement plant in containers on the patio or porch, or around a poolside.



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Hardy 'Ever Red' Banana Tree
Musa hybrid 'Ever Red'

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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.

Perennials



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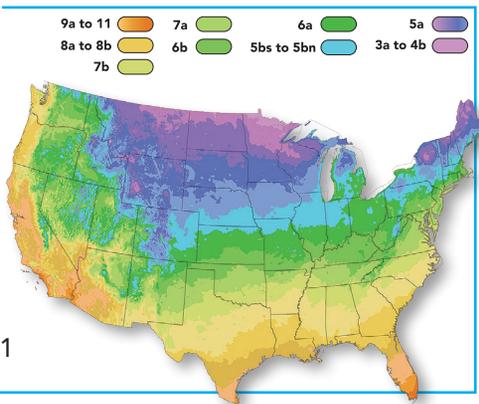
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Quick Reference

-  **Plant Type** Perennial
-  **Light/Sun** Full Sun
-  **Mature Height** 72-120"
-  **Mature Spread** 36-60"
-  **Bloom Time** n/a
-  **USDA Hardiness Zones** 6 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 shaded 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. Space plants according to the mature spread of the plant as shown in the Quick Reference section. For instance if the mature spread is 12", space between 10-14" apart, depending on if you would like for the plants to lightly touch or be slightly separated.

Potted Plants Make sure your container has holes to allow excess water to drain. Place one plant in an 18-24" container.

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

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. As Banana plants grow, they require a lot of water, especially if grown in a container, they may need water almost every day during the warmest summer months.

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 plants are toxic to pets. Do your diligence to protect your pet.

Winter Care This Banana is hardy to zone 6 when planted in the ground. If you live between zones 6-7 and you have your banana in the ground, after the first frost cut the plant all the way to the ground and then cover with about 3-4 inches of mulch. If you have your banana plant growing in a container in zones 7-7 you may bring your plant indoors over winter as a houseplant or cut the foliage back and place in a shed or garage. For those living in zones 8-10, no winter care is required.

Fruiting After a couple years your banana plant may form some fruit. They are primarily an ornamental feature and not very tasty, although they are certainly edible.

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 shaded 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.

