

Tips for Success

We Help You Grow To learn how to overwinter your Geranium, simply search "Overwintering Geranium with Devin Wallien" for his informative 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.

How to Use You must allow the foliage to release its oil in order to begin repelling pests. Either by fluffing the foliage or rubbing a leaf onto exposed skin will do the trick.

Where to Plant These easy to grow plants look great in your flower beds or in containers where you can enjoy their beauty and fragrance. In cold weather regions, you can over-winter them by cutting the foliage back after the first freeze and then putting them in the garage, basement or wherever else is suitable until the cold weather has finished. In warm weather regions, they almost never rest! Alternatively, they can live as indoor plants during the winter. To help them along during the winter, providing a little additional lighting can be beneficial. Simply go to your nearest big box store to purchase an inexpensive clamp on light and place within a foot above the plant.

MosquitAway Citronella Geranium brings a plant to your patio, porch or garden that is not only lovely and easy to care for, it is also genetically packed with the same essential oils used in many mosquito deterrents. Thus by simply fluffing or rubbing the foliage you can release these oil that help deter them. We bring the best variety of Citronella Geranium, staying compact and loaded with rich purple flowers.

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 90 days 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.

Robertas 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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PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Mosquitaway® Citronella Geranium
Pelargonium citrosum



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Quick Reference

 **Plant Type** Annual

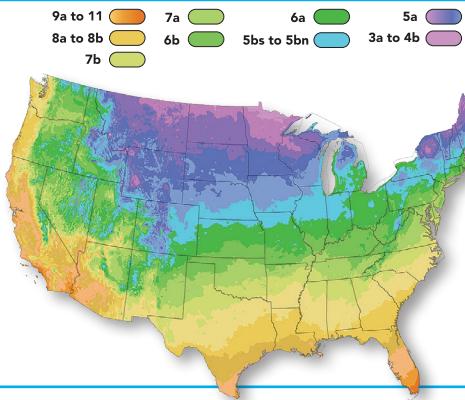
 **Light/Sun** Full to Partial Sun

 **Mature Height** 12-18"

 **Mature Spread** 10-12"

 **Bloom Time** Spring to Fall

 **USDA Hardiness Zones** N/A



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.

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. Repot into a 12-14" each or plant multiple together into a larger 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. Once they've acclimated to their new home they will become more drought and heat tolerant.

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.

Winterizing These tender perennials cannot handle temperatures below 50F. If you live where winters are colder than that, we recommend growing them in containers. When nights start to get cold, you can bring your containers indoors and either keep them by a sunny window, or cut the plants back to a couple inches and keep in a cool dark location until the following spring. If you cut them back, allow them to stay quite dry. For plants directly in the garden, you may dig them up and pot them to bring indoor, or treat them as an annual and discard at the end of the season.

