

## Tips for Success

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**Water** Water your plants immediately after planting them.

**Winterizing Caladium** These plants are tender perennials, meaning they cannot handle a freeze, but will come year after year with appropriate care. If you live where the winters regularly dip below freezing, after the first frost cut foliage back all the way. For bulbs grown in the ground, dig them up and store them in wood shavings over the winter and replant in the spring. For plants in containers, you may also dig them up and store them that way, or simply bring the entire container indoors and allow it to stay indoors until the night temperatures stay above 40F.

When it comes to fancy foliage, Caladium are royalty. And this collection brings two of the best Caladium that will perform in both the sun or shade! Complementing each other with grace, Royal Flush sports rich red foliage with thick jungle green edges, while Moonlight's white leaves with green veining illuminates day and night. Supremely easy to grow, they'll quickly fill out within weeks of planting bringing interest with their foliage all season long. Great in beds and borders, window boxes or patio containers. Consider overwintering indoors as a houseplant.



# Girl Next Door by Carolyn

## PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



### Sun Tolerant Jumbo Caladium

*Caladium x hortulanum hybrids*

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You can email questions to us at: [customerservice@robertasinc.com](mailto:customerservice@robertasinc.com).

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## Quick Reference

 **Plant Type** Tropical

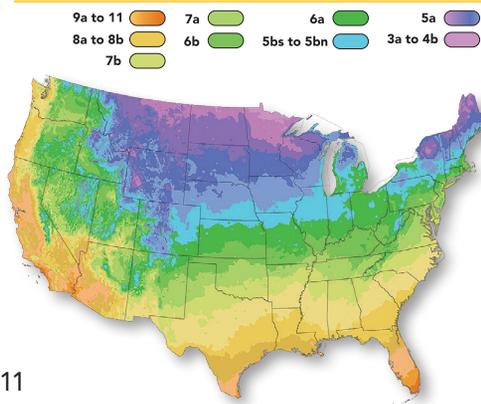
 **Light/Sun** Full Sun to Partial Shade

 **Mature Height** 16-20"

 **Mature Spread** 16-20"

 **Bloom Time** n/a

 **USDA Hardiness Zones** 9 to 11



## Plant Caretaking

**Upon Arrival** Please take bulbs out of the box immediately and remove any shipping materials from around the plants. If unable to plant right away, you may store them in a cool location for up to 3 weeks.

**Planting Depth & Spacing** In the garden dig a hole that is about 4 inches deep. Place the bulb in the hole with the pointed side up. Cover the bulb with soil and water in well. Space bulbs about 4 to 6 inches apart.

**Potted Plants** Make sure your container has holes to allow excess water to drain. You may plant one bulb in a 6" container or place multiple together in a larger container.

**Soil Preparation** If your soil is clayish, amend it with standard potting mix to improve drainage. For container plants, any standard bagged potting mix is fine.

**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 need regular watering throughout the growing season.

**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.

## Planting Steps

**Step 1** Plant one to two bulbs together pointed side up into 6 inch pots or combine more into larger pots. Pots must have drainage holes. If planting bulbs into the garden itself, wait until the ground is permanently thawed.

**Step 2** Cover the top of bulbs with only 2-3 inches of soil. Water the plants thoroughly.

**Step 3** In pots, you may place plants outside in partial sun as long as evening temperatures stay above 50 degrees Fahrenheit. In the garden, the bulbs will sprout when the soil temperature rises sufficiently usually around early June.

