

Tips for Success

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.

Time to Plant! Plant this shrub in a spot that has well-drained soil in full sun to part shade conditions. This deer resistant shrub makes a great border plant in your landscape. They should be placed four feet apart for a tight knit look and 5 feet apart for space in between them.

While pruning is not needed, cutting back older stems can be done in late winter or early spring. Pruning older wood every few years will encourage a brighter red bark.

Provide optimal conditions to keep your shrub healthy. A healthy plant will have significantly less risk of disease and pest. Scale and bagworms can cause problems on occasion. These can be treated by either cutting off the affected branches or applying carbaryl. Avoid fungal issues by watering at the base, especially in warm and humid climates. Allowing proper air flow will reduce and even eliminate this issue as well.

For the most vivid red color, prune your shrub to just a couple of inches every other year. The brightest red is on younger stems. If you want to keep more height, enjoy the fiery transition from older to newer portion of the stems, then simply prune back the oldest stems when they aren't offering as much color as you like. Keep your pruned stems for a lovely holiday arrangement.



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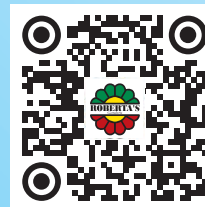


Arctic Fire® Red Dogwood
Cornus stolonifera

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Perennials

Quick Reference

 **Plant Type:** Perennial

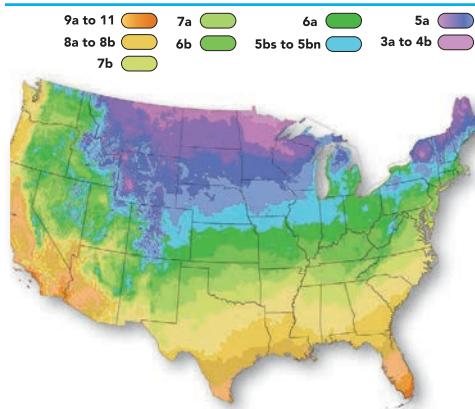
 **Light/Sun:** Partial Sun to Partial Shade

 **Mature Height:** 3'-5'

 **Mature Spread:** 3'-5'

 **Bloom Time:** Blooms in the spring and berries in the fall

 **USDA Hardiness Zones:** 3 to 7



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: This shrub grows in full sun to part shade. Dig a hole the depth and 2-3 times the width of the root ball. Cover with 2-3 inches of mulch to help retain moisture.

Soil: It is adaptable to a variety of soil including clay and even wet soil. However, a well-draining soil is ideal.

Watering: For the first few weeks, water deeply about three times a week to help the roots grow properly. reduce to about twice per week for the next couple of months while the shrub is being established. After that, you can cut back to only watering to prevent the soil from drying out completely.

Fertilizer: Use Roberta's Bounty when planting and apply in spring.

Pruning: There is no need to prune this shrub, but if you do, prune in the late winter or early spring.

Pet Considerations: Ensure your pets do not consume plants.

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 sunny 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.

