

## 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! This Vanilla Spice clethra is a delightful, deer resistant native plant that attracts butterflies and hummingbirds. Glossy dark green leaves set off the pure white summer flowers, which emit a sweet fragrance.

This is a slow spreading, deciduous shrub boasting bottlebrush spikes of extremely fragrant white flowers, which bloom for 4-6 weeks in mid to late summer. Each individual flower is quite large, opening from the bottom to the top.

This plant is best grown in full sun to part shade in average, medium to wet, acidic, sandy soils. It will tolerate full shade. Do not let soil dry out. Clay and wet soil tolerant.

This plant enjoys excellent resistance to insects and disease. Promptly remove root suckers unless a naturalized look is desired. This shrub flowers on new wood, so pruning for shape is best done in the spring. Propagate by cuttings.



# Roberta's Gardens

## PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



**Clethra Vanilla Spice® Summersweet**  
*Clethra Alnifolia*

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

If your bulbs, cuttings, etc. do not sprout, or your plant dies within one year 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 tree number or fill out the plant replacement form on our website at [RobertasUniqueGardens.com](http://RobertasUniqueGardens.com).

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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*Perennials*

## Quick Reference

 **Plant Type:** Perennial

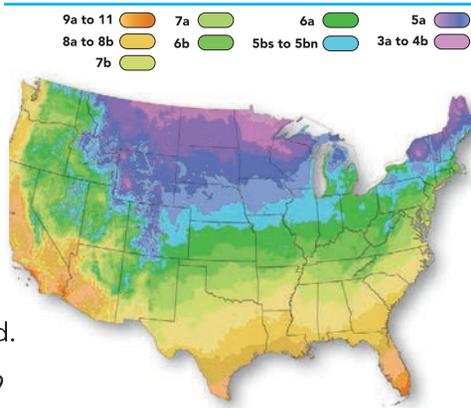
 **Light/Sun:** Partial Sun to Partial Shade

 **Mature Height:** 3'-6'

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

 **Bloom Time:** Blooms in mid summer on new wood.

 **USDA Hardiness Zones:** 4 to 9



## 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:** Planting can be done in the shade, but to ensure optimal bloom be sure you are planting in an area that will receive 4 hours of sun per day. Dig a hole 2-3 times the width of the root ball, and deep enough to cover the entire root ball.

**Soil:** Grows well in moist and even wet soil, though it will tolerate some dryness once established. It prefers a more acidic pH soil.

**Watering:** This plant takes a moderate amount of water and will tolerate damp soils.

**Fertilizer:** Use Roberta's Bounty when planting and apply in spring. It is safe to supplement as needed during the summer.

**Pruning:** If pruning is desired, do so in the early spring, when the new growth begins to appear on the stems.

**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.

