Tips for Success

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. Hibiscus tend to be heavy drinkers during the hottest, sunniest part of summer. If plants are in containers, this may mean watering every day.

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. If a lot of the plant's foliage has yellowed, you may cut the foliage back to just above the soil line. This will give your plant a chance to restart, and it encourages bushier, thicker growth.

Time to Plant! Your plants are now ready to be replanted. Follow the planting guide inside for detailed instructions on how to most effectively plant your new plants.

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.

Hardy Hibiscus: Enormous Hibiscus flowers in Red, White & Pink Swirl on plants that can handle temperatures in the negatives?! That's what this Luna Hardy Hibiscus brings. These Hardy Hibiscus are shorter and more compact than most, which translates into fuller plants faster, and flowers at the beginning of summer rather than autumn like others! Plant along edging, borders, patio containers – wherever you want to enjoy their huge flowers all summer.

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Hardy Hibiscus Luna Series

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Quick Reference

Plant Type: Perennial

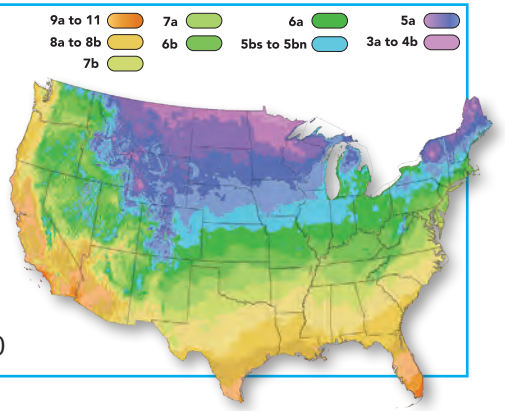
Light/Sun: Full Sun

Mature Height: 24-36"

Mature Spread: 24-36"

Bloom Time: Late Summer to Fall, by second season

USDA Hardiness Zones: 5 to 10



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 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 sunny 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 about 18" apart from one another.

Potted Plants: Make sure your container has holes to allow excess water to drain. Place one plant in a container that is 12-18" wide, or you may plant multiple together in a larger container.

Soil Preparation: If you soil is clayish, amend it with standard potting mix to improve drainage. They prefer fertile, moist soil that drains well.

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. During the hottest times of summer, you may need to water almost everyday, especially if they're in containers. If they dry out too much, the foliage may wilt a bit, but after watering they should plump back up.

Fertilizer: Use Roberta's Bounty a few weeks after planting and twice a month from late spring through summer.

Pet Considerations: Ensure your pets do not consume plants.

Pruning & Grooming: Make sure to remove spent flowers during the bloom season to encourage new flower formation. Likewise, any foliage that yellows during the summer should be removed so that the plant can most effectively use its energy resources. New foliage will continue to sprout all summer.

Winter Dormancy: After the first heavy frost, cut all shoots back to about 4" above the soil. They will be dormant during the winter. If you live where winters stay warm, you may trim your plants back in early spring to encourage fresh growth.