

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. It is essential to water them often during the active growing summer months.

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.

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.

Trick to Fruiting inside the Home: In order for fruit to form on your plants, your flowers must get pollinated. When your plants are outside the flowers will generally be pollinated naturally from bees or other insects. But during the cold winter months if flowers form inside the home that will not get pollinated by insects, simply take a cotton swab and dab the pollen from each of the flowers. Transferring the pollen by hand from one flower to the next will pollinate the flowers to encourage flower formation.

Meyer Lemon: Often heralded as the most flavorful of all the citrus, the Meyer Lemon is a cross between a traditional lemon and mandarin orange so the flavor is much sweeter than normal lemons while also bringing much more juice. These architectural plants are exceptionally beautiful, especially when planted in traditional terra cotta pots, as is done in Italy. Use the juice of a Meyer Lemon on anything from spritzing it on your salmon or veggies, making a Meyer Lemon cocktail, or homemade Meyer Lemon bars.



Roberta's Gardens PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Meyer Lemon
Citrus x meyeri

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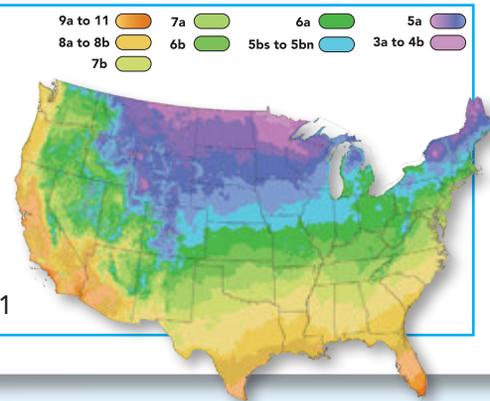
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Quick Reference

-  **Plant Type:** Tropical
-  **Light/Sun:** Full Sun
-  **Mature Height:** 3-5'
-  **Mature Spread:** 36"
-  **Bloom Time:** Spring to Fall
-  **USDA Hardiness Zones:** 9 to 11



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: Most of us will need to plant these in containers, but for those that live where temperatures stay warm year round, dig a hole deep enough so that the entire root system can easily fit in the hole and no roots are exposed. Any exposed roots will cause them to dry out too quickly. Space plants about 5 feet apart in the garden.

Potted Plants: Make sure your container has holes to allow excess water to drain. Repot into a larger 12-18" pot. For a traditional look, terra cotta is the container of choice.

Soil Preparation: Bagged potting mixes for the garden for houseplants is a good choice.

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. During the active growing summer months, watering often is very beneficial. You can water less frequently in the winter.

Fertilizer: Use Roberta's Bounty a couple weeks after planting and then once or twice a month all summer long. Meyer Lemon respond well to being fed often.

Pet Considerations: Ensure your pets do not consume plants.

Blooming: Meyer Lemon will flower on and off all year round starting the second season. Their wildly fragrant flowers are not to be missed!

Fruiting: Generally the heaviest fruiting period is in the winter inside the home. They will often have a lighter fruiting period in the summer as well

Pruning: The best time to prune is early summer during the active growth period to encourage new branching. Cut away any branches that are growing inwards, cross one another or look unsightly. Beware of prickles when pruning.

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. Be careful of prickly areas near leaf nodes

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 a larger 12-18" container with adequate drainage. Use nutrient rich potting mix when replanting.

