

## Tips for Success

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**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.

**Plants look Dry or Foliage appears Lackluster** If your roots look a bit dry upon arrival, soak them in a bowl of water for about an hour or so before planting. This will make sure the young roots are rehydrated once they are planted. If there is any foliage on the roots when they arrive, we recommend cutting it off before planting so that your red hot pokers will be encouraged to grow fresh foliage.

**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.

Nothing brings the heat to the garden quite like Red Hot Pokers! These dramatic, showy plants produce daylily-like foliage with flower stems that erupt right during the hottest part of the Summer. Flower spikes are full of tubular blooms that are red towards the top of the flower spike and orange and yellow as you travel downwards. They really do look like flames in bloom! Truly low maintenance and drought tolerant, they are a favorite of hummingbirds but ignored by deer and rabbit. Plant anywhere you might plant a daylily. Winter hardy.



## Roberta's Gardens PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



**Red Hot Poker Flowers**  
*Kniphofia uvaria*

We aren't happy if you aren't happy. If you have any questions regarding your order please call us at **1-765-525-4065** during the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm EST.

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 free 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.

*Perennials*



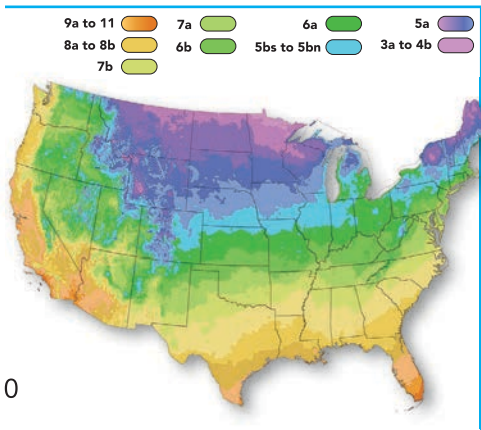
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## Quick Reference

-  **Plant Type** Perennial
-  **Light/Sun** Full Sun
-  **Mature Height** 36"
-  **Mature Spread** 36"
-  **Bloom Time** Mid Summer to Fall
-  **USDA Hardiness Zones** 5 to 10



## Plant Caretaking

**Upon Arrival** Please take the bare roots out of their plastic bags. You may store bare roots in the fridge for up to 3 weeks if you can not plant immediately.

**Planting Depth & Spacing** Dig a deep enough hole so that the entire bare root fits easily into the hole and can be covered with an additional 2" of soil on the very top. These clumps have roots radiating from a central point and when planted these fleshy roots should be put in the soil facing downward. In the garden space about 24-36" apart.

**Potted Plants** Make sure your container has holes to allow excess water to drain. Use at least a 10" container per root. 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.

**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. Water a couple times per week during the first summer. By the second or third season they are quite drought tolerant.

**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.

**Deadheading** Removing spent flowers as they turn brown but cutting the flower stem as far down as possible will allow the plants to continue to produce new flowers.

## Planting Steps

**Step 1** Remove bare roots from the 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** Discard any unattached pieces of old roots or crown remnants. If planting in the garden wait until the ground has thawed. Dig a hole so that the entire bare root can fit easily into the hold with the roots going downward. Back fill hole with soil and ensure the top is covered with 2" of soil. It is important that at least 2" of soil covers the very top so that the bare root doesn't dry out.

**Step 3** Water your newly planted bare root thoroughly. Wait to water again until you see sprouts coming out of the ground.

