

Tips for Success

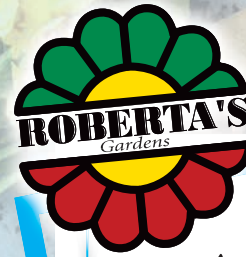
Water your plants immediately after taking them out of the box. Give them enough water so that the soil appears damp and water trickles out the bottom of the pot.

Time to Plant! 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

Thrives in moist, wet areas, but once established, can tolerate dry conditions. Not fussy about soil pH. Will grow in shade, but flowering and fall color improves when the plant gets at least some sun each day.

Great for grouping and for massing on large banks, in beds, and perennial and shrub borders. This is a good plant for woodland gardens or at the front of the mixed border. Its small size makes it perfect for smaller borders and beds.

Sweetspire grows quite well in very hot conditions, provided it gets plenty of water. In such climates, plant it along woodland edges where it gets partial shade, which will help the plants stay cool and thrive. In the northern part of the hardiness range, winter cold may cause dieback of the branch tips.



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PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



GENERAL GROWING GUIDE

Images shown may not be representative of your sets specific colors.

Little Henry® and Fizzy Mizzy® Sweetspire *Itea virginica*

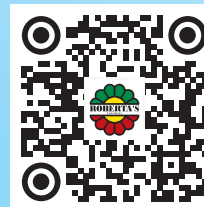
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You can email questions to us at: customerservice@robertasinc.com.

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Perennials



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Quick Reference

 **Plant Type:** Perennial

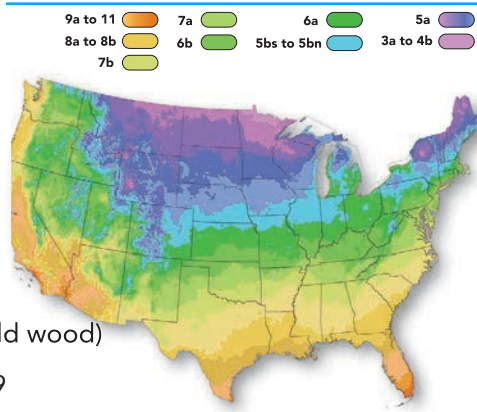
 **Light/Sun:** Partial Sun to Partial Shade

 **Mature Height:** 2'-3'

 **Mature Spread:** 2'-3'

 **Bloom Time:** Early Summer
2nd Season (blooms on old wood)

 **USDA Hardiness Zones:** 5 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: 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 3'-4' apart in the garden.

Potted Plants: Make sure your container has holes to allow excess water to drain. Be sure to use at least a 12-14 inch diameter pot for one plant.

Soil Preparation: Plant this shrub in a humus, well-drained soil that is somewhat on the moist side. It prefers a slightly acidic pH but grows well in a range of soils.

Watering: Water these shrubs quite often when they are young and getting established, then weekly when they mature (one inch per week). They will tolerate short periods of drought but perform best when they receive regular water. Hot climates call for more water.

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

Pruning: The main maintenance is to shear plants back to about 2 feet immediately after bloom in late spring or early summer. Also snip off any dead branch tips after plants leaf out in early spring.

Winter Care: Fall temperatures and shortened days turn Sweetpire's dark green summer foliage into intense shades of red, purple orange and gold. Unlike many deciduous shrubs, these leaves tend to remain on the reddish-brown branches well into winter. There are no special needs to this plant to prepare it for winter months.

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 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.

