

## Tips for Success

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**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!** 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. 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.

**Patio Veggies:** If you're going to grow your own veggies, you may as well grow the best. These three Patio Veggies are compact growers that pack a heavy punch. Each plant will yield tons of veggies that are absolutely mouth watering and delicious. And they'll do so fast! Harvest begins in about 45-50 days for each variety. Patio Choice Yellow Tomato, Shishito Peppers, Patio Baby Eggplant. Wonderful in containers or directly in the ground.

**When to Harvest:** Under correct conditions, you will start to harvest your veggies about 50 days after planting!

**Position Guide:** A/B - Tomato Patio Choice Red, C/D - Eggplant Patio Baby, E/F - Shishito Pepper



## Roberta's Gardens PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



### Patio Veggies

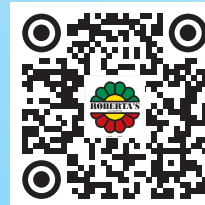
*Solanum lycopersicum, Capsicum annum, Solanum melongena*

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 90 days 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.



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*Annual and Tropical Plants*

## Quick Reference

 **Plant Type:** Annual

 **Light/Sun:** Full Sun

 **Mature Height:**

Patio Choice Red Tomato: 18-24"

Shishito Pepper: 18-30"

Patio Baby Eggplant: 18-24"

 **Mature Spread:**










Patio Choice Red Tomato: 18-24"

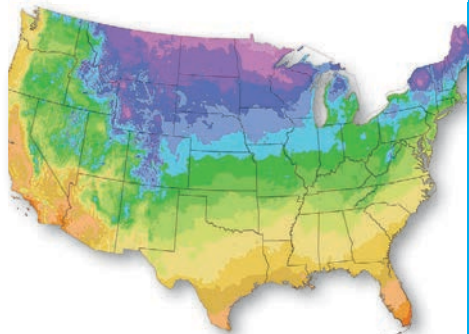
Shishito Pepper: 12-30"

Patio Baby Eggplant: 18-24"

 **Bloom Time:** End of Summer

 **USDA Hardiness Zones:** 9 to 11

9a to 11  7a  6a  5a   
8a to 8b  6b  5bs to 5bn  3a to 4b   
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## 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 the mature spread of the plant as shown in the Quick Reference section.

**Potted Plants:** Make sure your container has holes to allow excess water to drain. Repot into 8-12" containers. Or you may plant multiple together in larger containers.

**Soil Preparation:** If your soil is clayish, amend it with standard potting mix to improve drainage. They like bagged potting mixes for houseplants that will drain well. Most garden centers carry various brand names with perlite, vermiculite, soil and sand.

**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. They need regular deep watering all season to produce the most bountiful harvest.

**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.

**Winter Care:** These are annuals that will only last one season. However, if some of your tomatoes have been allowed to fall away, they may re-seed themselves the following year. This happens more often in warm winter areas.

**Cages, Trellises & Support:** You may need to add some support to your veggies if you notice they are slightly leaning to one side. The time to add support is about a month after planting.

## 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.

