

## 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.

**Broccoli & Cauliflower:** Growing your own has never been more popular or this easy. Gardeners know a homegrown veggie has flavor that cannot be matched. And Waltham Broccoli & Amazing Cauliflower bring the very best varieties to grow at home. Rich sweet flavor and crisp texture make these quick growing veg a dream to grow. Harvest in less than 2 months from the time of planting. The perfect place to start if you never grown Broccoli or Cauliflower before.



## Roberta's Gardens PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



**Waltham Broccoli & Amazing Cauliflower Plants**  
*Brassica oleracea var. italic & botrytis*

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You can email questions to us at: [plantquestions@robertasinc.com](mailto:plantquestions@robertasinc.com).

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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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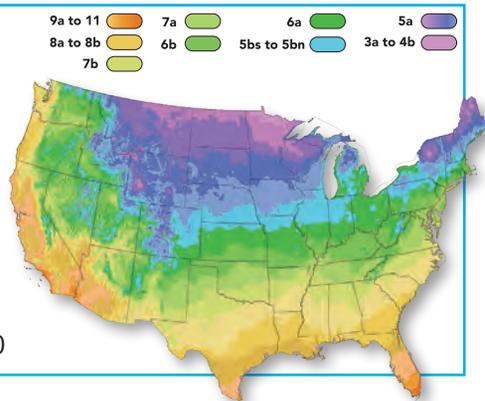
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## Quick Reference

-  **Plant Type:** Annual
-  **Light/Sun:** Full to Partial Sun
-  **Mature Height:** 18-24"
-  **Mature Spread:** 18-24"
-  **Bloom Time:** Harvest in Early Autumn
-  **USDA Hardiness Zones:** 3 to 10



## 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 12-18" apart.

**Potted Plants:** Make sure your container has holes to allow excess water to drain. You may place one plant in a 12" container, or plant multiple together in a larger container.

**Soil Preparation:** If your soil is clayish, amend it with standard potting mix to improve drainage. Broccoli & Cauliflower needs rich, fertile soil that is well draining.

**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 to remain evenly moist all summer long.

**Fertilizer:** Use Roberta's Bounty a couple weeks after planting and then twice a month all summer long.

**Pet Considerations:** Ensure your pets do not consume plants.

**Mulch:** Broccoli & Cauliflower have shallow root systems and appreciate a 2-3" layer of mulch upon planting to protect their roots, as well as keep weeds at bay and hold moisture into the soil.

**Harvesting Broccoli:** The plants will be ready for harvest in early autumn. You want to harvest the Broccoli when the heads look full and before the yellow flowers have opened. If you harvest after the buds have opened, the Broccoli will be much more bitter. Simply use a sharp knife to cut the Broccoli away from the plants. Once the harvest has finished, you can remove the plants from the garden or containers and discard.

**Harvesting Cauliflower:** When the Cauliflower begins forming and is about the size of a golf ball, wrap the surrounding leaves on the Cauliflower and secure with twine. This will help the head to develop correctly. As the Cauliflower approaches 6-8" wide, this is when they are ready to harvest. Simply take a sharp knife and cut the head away from the plant. You can remove the plant material from the garden and discard at this point.

## 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.

