

## Tips for Success

**We Help You Grow:** Further information and growing tips can be found at [RobertasUniqueGardens.com](http://RobertasUniqueGardens.com) & [QVC.com](http://QVC.com)

**Once the roots are established (after the first full growing season):** Once the roots are established (after the first full growing season): Normal conditions, water once every 7 to 10 days if there's no rain. Hot, dry weather, increase to every 3 to 5 days. Rainy or cool periods, you can skip watering entirely. A simple rule, water deeply but less often, arborvitae prefer deep, infrequent watering to frequent shallow sips.

**Where To Plant:** Select a location in the garden where you can plant the Tater Tot in a full sun to partly shady area with good air circulation for best performance. Tater Tot shrub is a perfect small, soft, globe shaped evergreen shrub to line your walkway or driveway. It can also be used in foundation plantings. Plant them at least 2 feet from your home to allow for proper air circulation

**Winter Care:** Nothing needs to be done to prepare this plant for winter.



# Robertas Gardens

## PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



### GENERAL GROWING GUIDE

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

## Arborvitae Tater Tot®

*Thuja occidentalis*

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).

Robertas 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

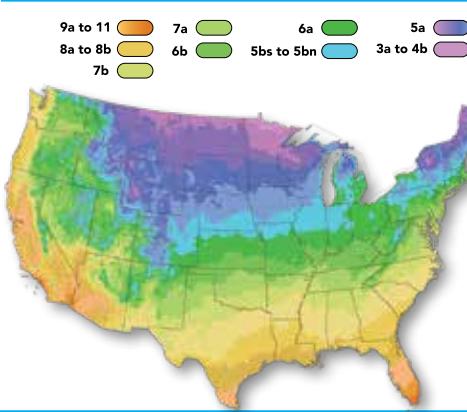
 **Light/Sun** Full Sun to Partial Sun

 **Mature Height** 2-3'

 **Mature Spread** 3-4'

 **Bloom Time** Evergreen

 **USDA Hardiness Zones** 3 to 8



## 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.

## 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.

**Soil Preparation:** Arborvitae prefer a moist, well-drained soil. Sandy loam or amended clay works well if drainage is improved. Avoid heavy, wet compacted clay that holds water.

**Watering:** Water in well when planting, then after that, it has very low water needs.

**Fertilizer:** Use Roberta's Time Released granular fertilizer a couple weeks after planting and then every 2-3 months all season long.

**Pet Considerations:** Ensure your pets do not consume plants. Some plants are toxic to pets. Do your diligence to protect your pet.

**Pruning:** It needs little to no pruning, but if you wish to prune, do so in the spring, after the new growth has begun to flush out. Avoid cutting into any thick or old stems.

**Winter Care:** Not required; Tater Tot naturally grows as a dense little globe. If you wish to give it a tighter appearance, soft growth may be trimmed lightly in late spring/early summer, once the new growth for the season has emerged.

