

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

Plant your Double Play Doozie Spirea shrubs in part sun to full sun for the best health and bloom. The flowers bloom on both old wood and new branches, which is one reason why the shrubs look so full of color in summer.

Keep newly planted spireas well-watered until they become established. Mature spireas are drought tolerant and only need watering when the soil becomes dry. Spireas don't like wet feet, so avoid oversaturating the soil.

It's just as easy-care and durable as you expect a spirea to be – deer resistant, drought tolerant, shade tolerant, and just all-around tough. Double Play Doozie spirea has a bit more of an upright habit than conventional spirea, making it perfect for a non-stop blooming low hedge, or mixing into your perennial garden.



Roberta's Gardens

PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Spirea Double Play Doozie®
Spiraea x

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.

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 tree number or fill out the plant replacement form on our website at 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

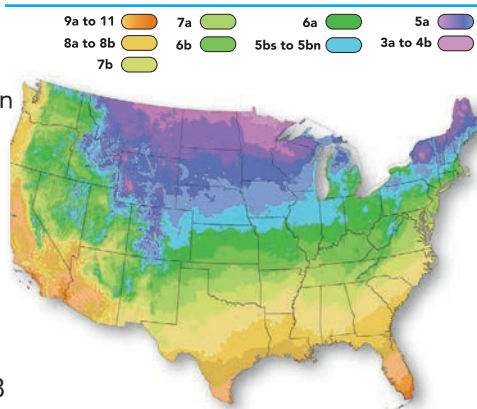
 **Light/Sun:** Full to Partial Sun

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

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

 **Bloom Time:** Late spring/
summer thru fall on
new wood

 **USDA Hardiness Zones:** 3 to 8



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: If your soil is clayish, amend it with standard potting mix to improve drainage. These shrubs adjust to all soils except very wet sites.

Watering: Water thoroughly after planting, and keep a close eye on the plant over the following week. Then, give it a good soaking once a week during summer, unless rainfall is plentiful (more than 1in per week). Established plants can generally get by on less water, but most grow best if the soil remains evenly moist.

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

Pruning: Double Play Doozie is very low maintenance. You can give it a light trim after its first bloom in late spring if you'd like to see a reflush of the bright red new growth. Remove the oldest, woodiest stems every couple of years or so to keep growth fresh and vigorous.

Winter Care: In the fall or late winter, prune again. This trim is more aggressive than the spring time one. Remove all dead branches, old foliage, and old blooms. Look for dead spots and places where the undergrowth is struggling. Adding a good 2-3 inch layer of mulch is recommended.

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.

