

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## COMPANION PLANTS

Lilies do very well in the company of shallow-rooted plants, which also help to keep their roots cool. They are especially lovely rising from a bed of deep green Ferns, and many varieties flower at the same time as Roses, Peonies and Clematis.

## WILL THE FLOWERS FLOP OVER?

This collection includes some varieties that may need staking. If they are all given partial sun or one day of direct sun they usually need no staking. It is when they are in too much shade that they reach for sun and flop over.

## DO THEY MAKE GOOD CUT FLOWERS?

These make excellent cut flowers. Cut only one half of the stem's length. Professional florist will remove the pollen filled anthers before arranging. It is easy just pluck them out. But be careful not to rub on your hands on your clothing.

## DO THEY NEED FREEZING WINTERTIME TEMPERATURES?

Lily bulbs must be cool in the winter to produce every season. Consequently, place in the garage or outside where they can freeze or get at least 8 weeks below 50 degrees. In late autumn, cut plants back to the ground. In the garden 4 to 6 inches deep, they can handle temperatures down to a negative 30 degrees below 0. In pots they can handle temperatures to 0 degrees.

## WHAT IS NEEDED TO SUB DIVIDE THEM?

These bulbs will re-bloom every year in the July-August period. After 4 to 5 years, in the spring or fall, you may divide the bulbs into small pear size divisions and replant. This is not necessary however.

## DO THESE LIKE THE SUN OR NOT?

Full sun or partial sun. Plants can take intense sun on the flowers and leaves but prefer a cooler shaded root zone sheltered from the sun retaining adequate soil moisture. Use growing plants in front of them to accomplish this if they are in hot sun. Too little light will cause soft, limp foliage without flowers

# FIRST THINGS FIRST...

When your plant arrives from Roberta's, remove from the shipping box immediately.

Keep bulb(s) inside packing material until ready to plant into ground or container. Put in a cool, protected area and plant as soon as possible. For extended storage time, place in refrigerator for up to 3 weeks.

When ready to plant, do the job as early in the day as possible to avoid extreme soil temperatures that prevent proper water uptake from the roots. Water them in well and whisper a few words of wisdom.



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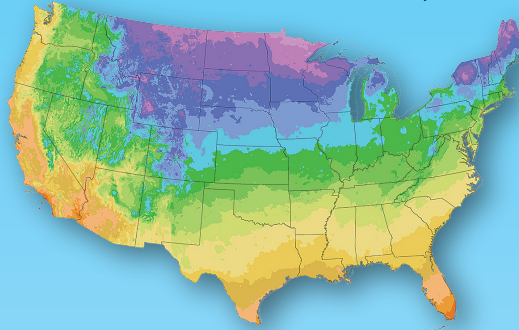
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## Plant Hardiness Zone Map



9a to 11 (orange) 7a (light green) 6a (green) 5a (purple)  
8a to 8b (yellow) 6b (light green) 5bs to 5bn (light blue) 3a to 4b (pink)  
7b (yellow)



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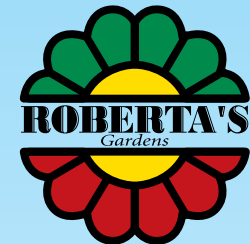


# ROBERTA'S GARDENS

## PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Fragrant Oriental Lily  
(Lilium hybrids)



## QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Partial to full sun
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	4-9
PLANT TYPE	Perennial
PLANTING DISTANCE:	10-12 inches
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	24-36 inches 16-20 inches
BLOOM TIME:	July – September by 2nd season
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS: <small>(soil preparation, depth, which end is up, etc.)</small>	Discard any unattached pieces of old roots that may have occurred. Plant bulbs in the garden once the ground has thawed accordingly spacing them eight inches apart. Cover the top of bulbs pointed ends up with 4 inches of soil. Water the plants thoroughly.

## PLANTING GUIDE

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Cover the top of bulbs pointed ends up with 4 inches of soil.

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Water the plants thoroughly.

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In the garden, the bulbs will sprout when the soil temperature rises usually around May. In pots, place plants outside in partial sun as long as evening temperatures stay above 35 degrees Fahrenheit.

## CONTINUING CARE

### SPROUTING TIME

Sprouts in mid May after 4-6 weeks. It takes a little longer if the temperatures are still cold.

### BULB PREPARATION

Discard any unattached pieces of old roots that may have occurred.

### SHELF LIFE

Plant immediately once the ground has thawed. These bulbs have been harvested and kept in cold storage since the preceding November-December.

### GARDEN LOCATION

They prefer partial sun. Plant them 4-6 inches deep in the garden about eight inches apart.

### POTTED PLANTS

You may plant them one per 6 inch pot or combine together into larger pots.

### SOIL

Use a regular potting or garden soil. You may incorporate the peat moss that accompanied the bulbs as well.

### WATER

Water upon planting and a couple times a week all summer long.

### FERTILIZER

This helps maintain flower size and count from year to year. For best results, use Roberta's Flower Magic Plant Food (M7503) twice a month all summer long.

### LIGHTING

Partial to full sun.

### TEMPERATURE ZONE 4 to 9

If planted in the ground, they will come up at the right time without worries of frost damage. If they are planted in pots, you must place your pots outside and leave them there all summer long when nights stay above 35 degrees.

### WINTER DORMANCY

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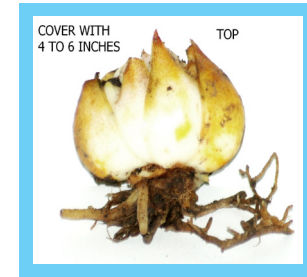
### PROPAGATING

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### CUT FLOWERS

If you want to cut your stems for a flower vase, cut only 1/2 of the stem length to soil line.

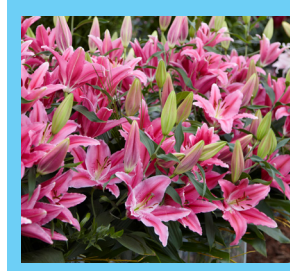
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