

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW DO YOU WINTERIZE PLANTS IN THE GARDEN?

Planted in the earth, this Hardy Banana is able to withstand garden temperatures down to minus -10F in the winter. After the first frost of the year your plants must be pruned down to about 1 or 2 feet tall. We also recommend adding an additional couple inches of mulch around the base of the plant for added warmth during the winter.

CAN THEY BE GROWN IN POTS?

Yes they can successfully be grown in containers forever. This Hardy Banana is very versatile and if desired, you can bring your banana plants indoors before the first frost and keep them as indoor houseplants during the winter months and simply bring them back outdoors once spring emerges. If you do not have space for your bananas as a houseplant, prune back your plants to a foot or two and leave in a cool, frost free corner in your basement, garage, or wherever else is suitable.

WILL THEY PRODUCE FRUIT?

This Hardy Banana plant may produce creamy yellow flowers in the summer followed by small fruits. However, these fruit tend to be very seedy and mostly inedible. It is the lush foliage that makes this collection so spectacular.

LEAVES OFTEN DROOP IN SUMMER?

These like a lot of water in the summer. In pots on the deck in the hot sun, water them every day. Often a late afternoon watering and morning watering is needed.

FIRST THINGS FIRST...

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

Remove plastic bag and sleeve from around potted plant(s). Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil. Pull away any yellow or brown leaves that may have occurred during transit. If you can not plant it into garden or larger pot within a few days, make sure it stays well watered.

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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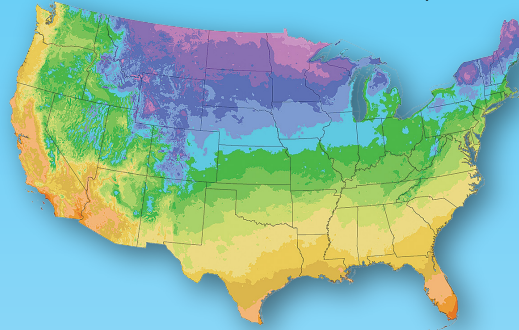
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Plant Hardiness Zone Map



ROBERTA'S GARDENS PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Hardy Banana Tree
(Musa basjoo)



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QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Full or Partial
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	5 to 11
PLANT TYPE	Perennial
PLANTING DISTANCE:	6-10 feet
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	6-12 feet 6-8 feet
BLOOM TIME:	Summer by second or third season
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS: <small>(soil preparation, depth, which end is up, etc.)</small>	Unpack your plants immediately removing any packing material. Water immediately. Cut away any yellow or brown leaves or broken stems that may have occurred. Plant in garden after the right temperatures stay above 45 degrees spacing about 6 feet. Dig holes and place them in their holes. Pack soil firmly around root ball. Water in well.

PLANTING GUIDE

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Plant in garden after the night temperatures stay above 45 degrees spacing about 6 feet. Dig holes twice the width of the root ball and about 5-6 inches deep. Place them in their holes. Pack soil firmly around root ball. Water in well.

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Plants prefer full sun though half day is sufficient. These plants respond to regular summer bi-monthly fertilizing with a balanced houseplant food. These are hardy down to about minus -10 F in garden and positive 10 F in large pots.

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SHELF LIFE

Water the plants thoroughly letting the excess water drain through the bottom of the pot.

PLANT PREPARATION

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POTTED PLANTS

Repot the plants into larger 12 inch pots separately. You can transplant gradually one pot size per year up to 20 inches in diameter. They like it wet so a tray under the container to catch water is recommended.

SOIL

They like bagged potting mixes for houseplants that will drain well. Most garden centers carry various brand names with perlite, vermiculite, soil and sand.

GARDEN PREPARATION

If your soil is clayish amend it with a standard garden soil for adequate drainage.

PLANTING SPACING

If planting into the garden space them 6 to 10 feet apart. If planting into a container allow for adequate air ventilation on deck or patio.

PLANT HEIGHT AND WIDTH

In the garden, these can grow to 6 feet the first year and a maximum height of about 12 feet in ensuing years with about 6 to 10 feet in width. In pots they'll reach a maximum of 6 to 8 feet tall too and 5 feet wide!

WATER

They like it wet. Water them in well in the garden. Keep moist. In pots, water the plants thoroughly letting the excess water drain through the bottom of the pot. You may leave a tray underneath pot to help keep them moist.

FERTILIZER

To promote more flowers and fruit use a well balanced fertilizer like Roberta's Flower Magic Plant Food (M7503) weekly in summer.

LIGHTING

Full sun is best outside in summer. Otherwise a half a day of sun is o.k.

BLOOMING

May produce creamy yellow flowers in the summer. If it produces flowers, it will be by second or third season.

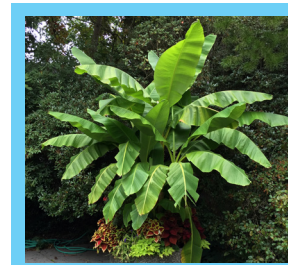
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This is likely the most cold hardy of any banana. In the earth, it can withstand temperatures down to minus -10F and in containers it can handle temperatures down to 10F

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE



Banana Shipped As Shown



Hardy Banana in its third season



Tropical exotic look in gardens across the country