

## Tips for Success

**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. If a lot of the plant's foliage has yellowed, you may cut the foliage back to just above the soil line. This will give your plant a chance to restart, and it encourages bushier, thicker growth.

**My Plants Are Slow To Come Back?:** Agastache also known as hyssop tends to break winter dormancy late in the spring so don't worry if you don't see anything happening or any green foliage emerging yet when your other perennials start to leaf-out. These are very durable, hardy and reliable plants. They have certainly earned their place in the garden over the years.

**What About Diseases And Chitters?:** These hybrids have been developed to better counteract downy mildew as compared to older varieties, but still plant with considerations. If the leaves look shabby, then it's critical to be sure and provide good air circulation and proper water management. Use a well-drained planting mix and allow soil to dry between watering. These are quite unattractive to deer with their licorice scented foliage as well.

**First Year Maintenance:** For perennials, the first year (or sometimes two) will require additional maintenance. During the first season of growth, even if the plant is known to be drought-tolerant, it is very important to water your plants on a regular basis, meaning up to 3-4 times per week. When plants are in their infancy stage, they need to be watered by their caretaker until they've had a chance to build a strong enough root system to subsist on their own. If you are experiencing severe heat, drought like conditions, or your plants appear consistently droopy, you may need to water your plants almost every day.

**Companion Plants:** Agastache is a first rate butterfly and hummingbird magnet! Other great companions include buddleia, upright sedum, knipofia, echinacea, rudbeckia and lavandula.



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**Agastache Collection**  
Agastache hybrids

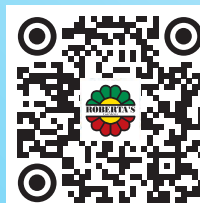
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**Perennials**



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## Quick Reference

 **Plant Type:** Perennial

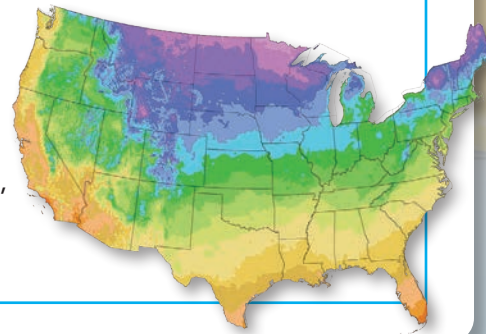
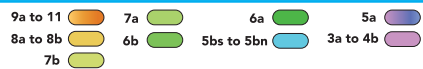
 **Light/Sun:** Full to Partial Sun

 **Mature Height:** 24-36"

 **Mature Spread:** 20-24"

 **Bloom Time:** Summer to Late Fall,  
by second season

 **USDA Hardiness Zones:** 5 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 about the mature spread of the plant as shown in the Quick Reference section.

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

**Soil Preparation:** Agastache does not require nutrient rich soil and will thrive in poor gravelly soil rather than a rich potting mix. If you are planting in containers standard potting mix is fine.

**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. If planted in the ground they will be quite drought tolerant once established.

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

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

**Winter Care & Pruning:** You may trim back plants in early spring to reinvigorate your plants. Remove any dead stems still intact. Remember, agastache or hyssop tends to come back late each spring season.

## 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. Full sun is best!

