

## Tips for Success

**How Do I Propagate Them?:** The bulbs will return and bloom from midsummer into early autumn each year. You may propagate pineapple lilies by removing offshoots of the plant in the spring after 2-3 years. Gently pull the new plantlet off the original plant and put it into another part of your garden or into its own pot.

**How Do I Lift The Bulbs In Cold Winter Areas?:** If you do lift the bulbs in autumn or winter, store them in dry peat moss inside a paper bag or cardboard box.. Do not use plastic as this tends to retain too much moisture. In the spring, plant them again.

**Do These Make Good Cut Flowers?:** Yes. If you want to cut your stems for a flower vase, cut the entire stem length if desired. They are very long lasting too.

**My Flowers Flop Over A Little:** Pineapple lilies will tolerate a partly shady area in the garden. However, they bloom best when they get at least 6 hours of sun per day. Give them midday shade, though, as they may wilt if exposed to the noonday sun. If they wilt, water them quickly and thoroughly and they should perk up again.

**Determining The Bottom On The Top Of Bulb:** The pointy end of the bulb is the part that you want to have facing upwards when you plant your bulb in the soil. Be sure to completely cover the pointy end of the bulbs with 1 to 2 inches of soil. The more rounded end of the bulb is the bottom and this must be facing down when planting.



## Roberta's Gardens PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



**Sparkling New Zealand Pineapple Lilies**  
*Eucomis comosa hybrids*

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).

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.



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*Perennials*

## Quick Reference

 **Plant Type:** Perennial

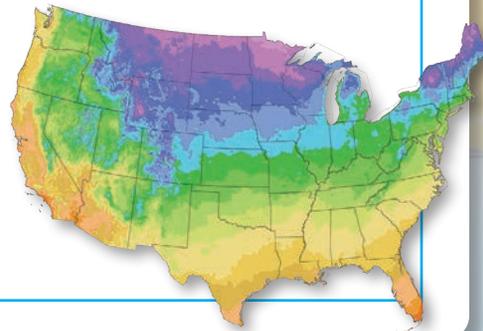
 **Light/Sun:** Full to Partial Sun

 **Mature Height:** 18-24"

 **Mature Spread:** 4-6"

 **Bloom Time:** Mid Summer to Early Autumn

 **USDA Hardiness Zones:** 6 to 11



## Plant Caretaking

**Upon Arrival:** Please take plants out of the box immediately and remove any shipping materials from around the plants. You can plant them immediately in pots. If planting them into the garden itself, wait until the ground is permanently thawed.

**Planting Depth & Spacing:** Plant bulbs about 3-4 inches deep and about 2-3 inches apart from one another. Alternatively, you may dig wider holes and plant 10-12 bulbs per square foot. Plant bulbs with the pointy side facing upwards so that their foliage is growing in that direction. They only grow outward, so if you find they're growing the wrong direction, dig up and replant.

**Potted Plants:** You may plant one bulb into an 8" container or combine together into larger pots. If you plant them in the ground, be sure to space them 18-24" apart. Also, be sure to site them in a well protected area as they're winter hardy only down to minus 5 degrees and 25 degrees in pots. You may want to put them up close to your residence or in a very insulated area to protect them against the harshest winter conditions. Be sure to apply a 1 to 2 inch layer of mulch for extra winter protection too.

**Soil Preparation:** Grow in fertile, moist but well-drained soil. Amend clay type of soils with compost or potting mix.

**Watering:** Water thoroughly upon planting and a couple times a week all summer long.

**Fertilizer:** Use Roberta's Bounty in mid spring and apply it once a month during the summer.

**Winter Dormancy:** After the first heavy frost, cut all shoots back to the soil level. Add a few inches of top dress mulch, straw, pine needles, or leaves. Remove in early spring.

## Planting Steps

**Step 1** Remove the bulbs from the plastic bag and discard and loose remnants that might have come loose. If you're unable to plant them right away, you can keep them inside the plastic bag and store them in a cool, protected area and plant as soon as possible. For extended storage time, place in refrigerator for up to 3 weeks.

**Step 2** Plant in the garden when evening temperatures average between 40-50F degrees. You may plant them into the garden or in containers that are at least 8 inches in diameter. If you wish, you may plant all 3 bulbs into a larger 20" container. If spaced closer to one another, it may limit their ability to propagate offsets. Plant them vertically referring to the image. Dig your hole deep enough to accommodate the bulb plus 1 to 2 inches more.

**Step 3** Fill in the hole with soil or potting mix and pack in firmly making sure that at least 1 to 2 inches of soil still covers the very top.

**Step 4** Water upon planting and a couple times a week all summer long.

