

Tips for Success

We Help You Grow: For a quick video demonstrating how to properly plant and care for your new Totem Pole, simply search "Good Luck Totem Pole Growing Guide" to find Devin's informative video online. Further information and growing tips can be found at RobertasUniqueGardens.com & QVC.com

Determining the Bottom: The bottom end is the red end. The top end is the green end. Scrape the wax off of the red end using a dull butter knife. Leave the wax on the green end intact.

Optimal Lighting Totem Pole plants like to be in well lit, bright rooms inside the home. They do not need to be in the sunniest window. They will benefit from spending some of the summer months outdoors if possible. If you place the plants outside for the summer, a location with morning sun or bright shade will suffice.

Best Containers: In the water stage, try to find a clear glass container that will accommodate the girth of the log. The clear glass allows more photosynthesis. Add only 3 inches of water changing 1-2 times a week. When transplanting to soil you should use a six inch pot for the 1-2 years. Move up once a year only if desired. The bigger the pot the bigger they will grow.

Totem Pole A Roberta's classic! The Good Luck Oriental Totem has been in our family since day one. This long-lived plant is a cinch to grow inside the home, bringing lush foliage and good energy wherever it's growing. Our totem poles come direct from our farms where the plants grow up to 20 years before we take cuttings, so our plants are much thicker than others elsewhere. Perfect for living rooms, offices, bedrooms or anywhere plant life is desired.



Roberta's Gardens

PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Good Luck Oriental Totem Pole
Dracaena fragrans

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 90 days 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.

Annual and Tropical Plants



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Quick Reference

 **Plant Type** Tropical

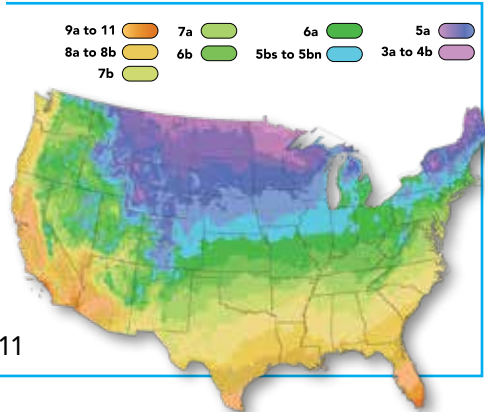
 **Light/Sun** Partial Sun

 **Mature Height** 24-48

 **Mature Spread** 6-12"

 **Bloom Time** n/a

 **USDA Hardiness Zones** 10 to 11



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 shaded area for 1-2 days before replanting.

Potted Plants: It is best to start your totem pole in a small container, about 6" across. When planting in the container, pack soil in. Totem Poles like to be snug in their containers, so allow to remain in this 6" pot for 2-3 years before transplanting to a larger pot.

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

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. This is typically once a week during the warm months, and about half as often in the cooler months.

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. Some plants are toxic to pets. Do your diligence to protect your pet.

Key Tips Place into water as soon as possible. While in water they prefer a clear container. Add only 3 inches of water changing 1 to 2 times a week. For best results, wait to transfer to soil until you have seen shoots emerging from the sides of the pole and/or roots growing.

Grooming Cut away and remove any leaves as they wither or turn brown. This grooming is completely normal and will take place as the plant grows. New leaves and stems appear as the old ones are pruned away.

Planting Steps

Step 1 Use a dull butter knife to scrape the thin layer of wax off of the red end only. Do not scrape the green end.

Step 2 Place upright in vase or container with the green end on top. Add 3 inches of water.

Step 3 Change water once or twice a week for 6 - 8 weeks, or until the pole has started to grow roots or shoots are emerging along the sides.

Step 4 The pole has been activated and will grow roots and leaves after being transplanted. Plant individually three to four inches deep into 6 inch pots using regular potting mix. Pack in soil firmly as this promotes root growth. Water immediately and once a week thereafter.

