

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### MY PLANTS ARE NOT FLOWERING WELL?

If plants do not receive at least 4 hours of direct sunlight daily they will not bloom prolifically.

### DO I NEED TO DIVIDE THEM EVERY FEW YEARS?

Although not necessary, you can divide them in the early spring or autumn after the second year to reinvigorate them and to increase the stock.

### HOW DROUGHT TOLERANT ARE THESE?

After the first season these are extremely tolerant of drought. In fact they require good drainage at all times. They are great for xeriscaping.

### WHERE DO I INCORPORATE THESE INTO GARDEN?

Plant as ground cover; add to rock gardens, graveled patches, slopes, and perfect for xeriscapes and modern compositions. It looks super planted along stone walls. Over time plants can spread to great widths, so it is wise to plant them where they can freely grow and prosper.

### ARE THEY EVERGREEN OR DECIDUOUS?

Creeping thyme stays green year-round in mild climates. It forms dense mats of foliage 1 to 4 inches high and is often used as a ground cover. Tiny needle-like leaves cover its stems. In cold winter areas depending on snow cover, they may or may not defoliate. Either way they will come back vigorously the next spring.

### WHAT ARE SOME NICE COMPANION PLANTS?

Lamb's Ear, Bergenia, Euphorbia, Siberian Iris, Snow in Summer, Spring Bulbs and Day Lilies make nice companion plants.

## FIRST THINGS FIRST...

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

Remove netting and/or sleeve from around the tray. Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil. If you cannot plant it into garden 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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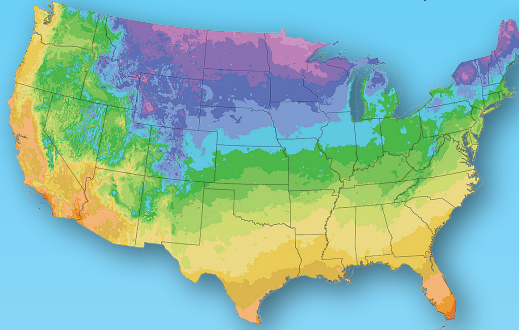
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### Plant Hardiness Zone Map



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



## ROBERTA'S GARDENS PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



### Trample Me® English Creeping Thyme (Thymus serpyllum hybrids)



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# QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Full Sun to Partial Sun
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	4-9
PLANT TYPE	Perennial
PLANTING DISTANCE:	15-18 inches
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	1-4 inches 15-18 inches
BLOOM TIME:	Summer by second season
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS:	Remove netting and/or sleeve from around the tray. Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil. Transplant into the garden as soon as evening temperatures stay above 40F.

(soil preparation, depth, which end is up, etc.)

# PLANTING GUIDE

- 1 STEP**  
Remove netting and/or sleeve from around the tray. Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil. If you cannot plant it into garden within a few days, make sure it stays well watered.
- 2 STEP**  
On the day of planting, if plants are growing into each other, You may simply pull apart carefully or even cut them apart. This "haircut" actually stimulates thicker growth.
- 3 STEP**  
Transplant into the garden as soon as evening temperatures stay above 40F. Dig holes twice the width of the root ball and about 5 to 6 inches deep. Place them in their holes. Pack soil firmly around roots. Fill with soil and pack in firmly covering entire root zone. Water again.
- 4 STEP**  
Rather than in the garden you may re-pot into large containers. Re pot the plants into at least 10 inch pots separately or together inside one larger container.

# CONTINUING CARE

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**SOIL**  
Plants need a lean well drained soil. Sandy or rocky soil is preferred. Death from "wet feet" is a common occurrence in heavy soils. Grow in fertile, well-drained soil. Amend clay type soils with compost or potting mix.

**GARDEN PREPARATION**  
They prefer full sun.

**POTTED PLANTS**  
Rather than in the garden you may re-pot into large containers. Re pot the plants into at least 12 inch pots separately or together inside one larger container.

**PLANTING SPACING**  
If planting in garden space 15 to 18 inches apart.

**PLANT HEIGHT AND WIDTH**  
These grow about 1 to 4 inches tall and 15 to 18 inches wide.

**WATER**  
Water upon planting and no more than twice per week during summer. These are extremely tolerant of drought once established. In fact they require good drainage at all times. They are great for xeriscaping.

**FERTILIZER**  
They respond to feeding with a high bloom fertilizer like Flower Magic plant food (M7503). Once a month is sufficient during spring and summer.

**TEMPERATURE ZONES 4 to 9**  
When nights stay above 40 degrees, place your plants outside and leave them there. They can withstand winter temperatures to minus 25F.

**LIGHTING**  
In the summer growing season, full sun is the absolute best, but 4 hours of direct sun per day is sufficient in the summer.

**BLOOMING**  
Under correct conditions, blooming begins in summer by second season. Full sun is best for flowering.

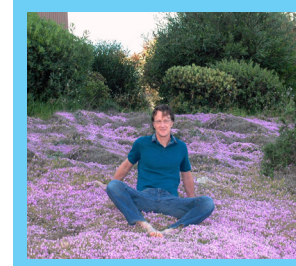
**PRUNING**  
Clip plants lightly immediately after blooming to encourage a dense habit. Heavier pruning is not necessary.

**WINTER DORMANCY**  
There is really nothing to do to winterize them. Clumps may be ripped apart and divided in early fall, after 2 years. Just stick a trowel in the soil and dig them out.

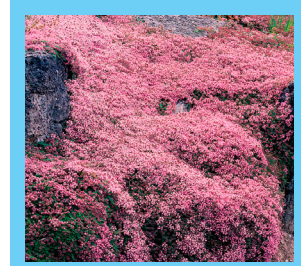
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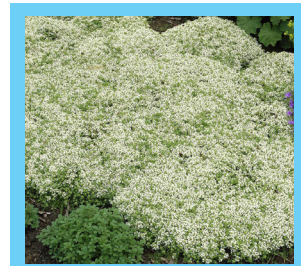
Mother of Thyme



Mums Creeping Pink



Lucky Charmin Carmine



Shepherds Snowdrift White