

Can red yucca be transplanted and if so, when?

- I have transplanted red yucca several times. I divided it because it was just too big. I've transplanted in the early spring with good results, and this year, February 2008, I divided two huge ones into about 15 smaller ones, five are still in my landscape and beginning to show new growth, the sixth I gave away to fellow Master Gardener, and the others are in a large pot with a small amount of soil waiting for my neighbor to get his bed ready for them, the plants look alive and I can see a little new growth beginning. They have been sitting in that pot since February.
- I have transplanted it successfully in the spring. In fact, I transplanted some wild yucca even in LATE spring and got it to grow and thrive. I think the most important thing is that the root is long enough
- I have never transplanted a red yucca but a neighbor dug one up from her landscape and put it in a pot for about a year then gave it to me to plant at our front entrance and it did fine. Do not know how she took care of it in the pot. They do not need much water and would need good drainage to survive in a pot and to transplant from one place to another would require some irrigation to get the roots developing but not too much water since it is sensitive to over-watering. The seed from a red yucca will do well in a pot so that might be alternative to transplanting. They do grow slowly when started from seed.
- I have actually done this. It can be transplanted; I can't remember when I did it.
- I transplanted five red yuccas last fall, watered them in and have not touched them since. They are doing ok--not growing a whole lot yet, but I expect that will come soon. Hope that helps.
- A Master Gardener dug some up and gave them to me two or three months ago. They seem to be doing fine. I would say any time after they finish blooming is good. Need to cut the top back after you plant so roots can grow.
- I've transplanted/divided it all year round. Of course it's easier on the plant when it's not blooming or trying to bloom but have been successful then also. It's Texas tough! I would not hesitate at any time.
- I transplanted a fairly large one last year around Feb- Mar. It just sort of sat there and didn't look good for a while, and I didn't know if it would make it or not. But it came around and is looking pretty good now. It didn't bloom last year, and it's too early for bloom now (early April), but it looks ok. I didn't do any research on it. I had two of them; too close to each other and just moved the smaller one. Figured I had nothing to lose, since I was going to dig it up anyway. I have had no problems transplanting red yuccas. As long as there is a good root system, there shouldn't be a problem. A large plant can also be divided before replanting. Now would be a good time to transplant (early April). Treat like a cactus and do not overwater. Red yuccas are great plants, and I think not used enough - they require little care, no insect problems, and have a pretty bloom stalk. What more can you ask for?
- I have a red yucca that has been moved a couple of times. It took one year to re-group but seems to be doing really well now. It is in normal Parker County soil, rock and clay, and probably gets more water than it really needs. I'm hoping for blooms this year.
- Winter is best to transplant. Mine are pretty tough, but I wouldn't advise doing it in hot temps. You get a lot of shock.