

Clematis

Care, Feeding and Growth

Clematis is a beautiful perennial vine which produces masses of small or large flowers for a showy display in the landscape. They can dress up any trellis, fence, or arbor with early spring blooming flowers through fall with their attractive seed heads. With these helpful tips you can enjoy these climbers for years to come.

Location

- Protection from strong winds
- Foliage receiving 4-6 hours of direct sunlight
- Roots sheltered from intense sun by low growing perennial, small shrub, and/or 2" depth organic mulch kept a few inches away from stem
- Well drained soil

Watering & Fertilizing

- Water thoroughly when first planted
- Once established water only when soil is completely dry
- Wetting of foliage (overhead) should be avoided at all times
- During early spring and summer, application of a granular fertilizer, such as Plant-Tone, can be used according to the label directions

Planting

- Dig hole twice the size of container
- Incorporate one cup Bone Meal and/or One Step Soil Conditioner at time of planting to encourage good root establishment
- Bury two "eyes" or leaf nodes below the soil surface at time of planting
- Continue to backfill until the soil level matches the surrounding level
- Firm the soil gently and water well

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Variety	Color	Height	Bloom Period	Pruning Group
Guernsey Cream	Creamy white	6-8'	May - June and Sept.	#2
Jackmanii	Violet - purple	8-12'	June - July	#3
Nelly Moser	Rose - mauve	6-8'	May - June and Sept.	#3
Sweet Autumn	Fall flowering white	15-20'	Sept. - Oct.	#3
The President	Rich purple	8-10'	May-June	#3

Pruning Care by Group Number

Group #1: This group bears flowers on stems produced the previous season. Only remove the dead or weak stems after flowering.

Group #2: These plants produce 2 flushes of blooms. Prune back old flower shoots to encourage rebloom. No pruning required except to shape plant.

Group #3: This group bears flowers on new growth yearly. All old growth must be removed completely in February - March before new growth begins. Prune hard 3-4" above the crown of the plant.