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GROWING CLEMATIS

PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS

Most clematis prefers a 'hot top' and 'cool roots'. A location with at least 6 six hours of sunshine is best, however there are some varieties that prefer a location that shades them from the hot afternoon sun - such as an east or north wall. Most clematis are container grown which means they can be planted anytime during the growing season.

After bringing the plants home from the nursery or garden center, water it generously while it is still in the pot. This ensures that the root ball is completely moist before planting. This also prevents soil from falling away when the plant is removed from the container. While the excess water is draining away, select and prepare the site.

1. Dig a hole 24"x24" (60cm) wide and deep and discard the subsoil. Be sure to break up the soil at the bottom and sides of the planting hole to allow the roots easy access into the surrounding soil. Add 2 cupfuls of bone meal and cover with a layer of composted manure and a layer of flowerbed mix.
2. Remove the plant from the container and carefully lower the root ball into position. Make sure that the surface of the root ball is at least 3 to 4" (8-10cm) below the finished soil level and at least 8" (20cm) away from the wall.
3. Fill the space around the root ball with flowerbed mix and firm down.
4. Give the plant another good watering to ensure that the soil has settled and there are no air pockets. Top up with more soil if necessary.
5. Clematis roots need to be cool and shaded. Place flat stones, plant shallow root groundcovers or mulch with wood or bark chips. **Never let the roots dry out.**
6. To keep your clematis healthy and vigorous, apply a slow release fertilizer such as clematis and vine food (5-9-8) around the base of the plant. Do not allow the fertilizer to touch the stem of the plant for it will burn the plant. **Follow the manufacturer's instructions.**

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