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Clematis Care

When to plant:

Whenever the ground is workable, clematis can be planted. Clematis reacts to seasons much like bulbs. In summer and fall, there is vigorous root growth storing energy for top growth and flowers the following spring. In mild regions, fall planting is ideal. If you choose to plant in spring or summer, periodically pinch out the growing tips. If you choose to plant in the fall, you will want to prune the following spring. This will inhibit flowering for the first year, but will help promote root development and produce a bushier plant. If planting is done in the summer, it is essential that sufficient water be provided to keep roots moist and cool.

How to plant:

It should be pointed out that the clematis you plant today needs to be happy with the effort you put into its planting site for the next several decades. There are clematis over eighty years old still blooming marvelously. Clematis need a cool, moist, well drained, deep root run, plenty of water and regular balanced feeding. Dig a hole eighteen inches deep by eighteen inches wide. Cover the bottom with a good rich compost or well-rotted manure. A hand full of bone meal mixed with your soil is always a good idea. Add enough topsoil to cover the compost, and you are ready to plant. Place your well-watered clematis in the hole so about six inches of the stem is below the soil line. The stem of the newly planted clematis needs to be securely but carefully attached to a support so that damage to the stem does not occur. Planting a small shrub in front will insure a cool root run for the clematis.



Clematis montanas are a great choice for a first time Clematis gardener. Multiple colors available.



Clematis armandii provide an amazing array of blooms in spring. Evergreen foliage adds year round interest.