

CLEMATIS CULTURE & CARE



The best time to plant Clematis is Spring, Summer or early Fall in a location of 5-6 hours of sunlight.

Clematis roots are long and run deep and like it cool and damp, but not soggy. A good idea is to plant annuals around the base of the clematis, plant a low growing shrub to shade the roots, or mulch the ground around the base of the Clematis plant to help keep the soil and roots cool. Loosen the soil to a depth of 2 feet. Mix the soil with some peat, sand and a handful of lime. Carefully set your Clematis plant in the hole so the crown is 1 inch below the soil level when the plant was in the pot.

Stake the plant and if possible wrap a piece of screen loosely around this to prevent animals from breaking or eating off the stem for the first year. The stake should be placed towards the trellis, etc. to train the plant to its permanent support.

Keep your Clematis well watered, do not let it dry out. Each year always soak well once a week in dry weather. Feed twice a year with a balanced granular fertilizer, or a good water soluble fertilizer that will get to the plant much quicker.

Prune your Clematis the first spring after planting, back to 10-12". This is very important to get your plant off to low branching and heavier flowering over the whole clematis vine.

Apply mulch around the base of your Clematis through the winter dormant months. With proper care your Clematis plant will give you much enjoyment for many years!

