



CLEMATIS

CARING FOR CLEMATIS VINES

Clematis require six hours of sunlight for maximum blooming. They prefer a cool soil for their roots, so plant annuals or shallow rooted perennials around them. Regular watering is desirable. Clematis is deep rooted so be sure to water thoroughly.

Planting: dig a generous hole and amend soil with a planting mix. This is especially critical when planting in clay soil. Fertilize with 5-10-10 fertilizer starter fertilizer

Early spring: For Nelly Moser clematis, prune lightly to shape and remove weak growth. For jackmanii and sweet autumn clematis cut back to 12" above the ground. Fertilize with a starter fertilizer.

Mid-Spring – continue a monthly feeding of fertilizer. Plant annuals or perennials at the base of the plant to shade root zone. Gently support new growth.

Late Spring – mulch if desired but keep material away from the crown.

Summer: watch for signs of fungal wilt and remove any affected branching. Sterilize pruners. For Nelly Moser clematis prune back one-half after main flush of bloom to encourage strong growth.

Fall: make sure vines are secure to supports. If it has been a dry year, water well and deeply before frost. If the clematis is newly planted this past year, mulch for winter protection.

