



**Top Tip**  
If possible keep roots cool, shade with other plants, slate or pebbles

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**Clematis**

**gardening guide**

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Our carefully selected varieties are perfect for growing up fences and covering walls and garden buildings. They are very accommodating garden plants. Your garden can be filled with colour throughout the season. These plants are perennials which will flower year after year giving superb garden performance and amazing value.

### **Unpacking Instructions**

Please unpack immediately. These plants are supplied ready to plant out so as soon as possible should be planted out into the garden border or containers.

- Before planting out in the garden border dig, rake and gently firm the soil, adding a quality slow release fertilizer.
- Dig a hole deep and wide enough for the plant roots to spread out placing the plant in the hole then back fill with soil and gently firm in.
- Many look good planted in patio containers filled with a good quality compost with a slow release fertilizer added.
- Water the plants to settle the soil around the roots.
- Keep the roots shaded if at all possible.

### **Aftercare:-**

Provide water during dry spells. Plants should always be kept moist. Especially plants grown in containers as these often need more water. Take this opportunity to liquid feed weekly during the flowering period. The removal of spent flowers will lead to more flowers during the season.

### **How to Prune**

#### **Pruning Group 1**

Evergreen and deciduous Clematis which flower during winter and spring belong to group 1. They need little pruning, doing so only to keep the plant to the required shape and size.

#### **Pruning Group 2**

Clematis which flower twice a year the first in early summer the second in early autumn on new growths made in the current year, belong to group 2. These need little pruning but all dead and weak stems should be removed in late spring.

#### **Pruning Group 3**

Clematis species and cultivars which flower on the current years new growth belong to group 3. These need an annual pruning in late winter or early spring. Cut back all the old stems to the lowest pair of live buds. This promotes vigorous new growth.

