

QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE	Full to part sun.
USDA HARDINESS ZONES	4 to 9.
PLANT TYPE	Perennial.
PLANTING DISTANCE IN-GROUND	At least 6 feet apart.
CONTAINER SIZE	One 2N1 plant per 24 inch or larger container.
MATURE HEIGHT / SPREAD	10 to 12 feet tall with a 4 to 8 foot spread.
BLOOM TIME	Summer to fall.
TIME TO REACH MATURITY	24 months.
FACTS OF NOTE	Grows on fences, arbors and trellises. Attracts butterflies and hummingbirds. Great for hiding unsightly areas in the garden.

SOIL PREPARATION

We recommend having your soil tested periodically by your local County Extension Office (www.nifa.usda.gov/extension or by calling 1-800-333-4636). A soil test can determine if your soil needs any amendments to enhance the growth and performance of your plants.

Ideal garden soil is easy to dig in and drains well while still holding the nutrients and water vital to plant growth. To prepare a bed for in-ground planting, spade or till the soil to a depth of roughly 12-18 inches. Next, spread a 2-4 inch layer of organic matter such as compost, shredded leaves or peat moss over the soil and mix well.



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CLEMATIS & CLIMBING
ROSE DUO

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OUT OF THE BOX

CLEMATIS & CLIMBING ROSE DUO SKU #M53274 / M57010 / M57021

Your plant has been shipped to you in a pot. Please remove the plant from the packaging right away and plant it as soon as possible following the planting instructions below. If it is not possible to plant right away, follow these important steps:

1. Roll the plastic down around the plant and place it in a sunny location.
2. Keep the plant well watered.

Note: Some leaves may appear wilted or yellow upon arrival. This is due to the stress of shipping and is nothing to worry about. Water the plant and let it recover for few days, then gently remove any foliage that does not recover to allow for new growth.



SHIPPED IN A 6-INCH POT
PLANT SIZE MAY VARY BASED ON GROWING CONDITIONS.

PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS

Important: Thoroughly hydrate the plant by submersing the root zone in a container of water for 10 minutes while you prepare for planting.

1. Remove and discard the clear plastic bag from around the pot.
2. After watering, remove the pot by holding the plant upside down in one hand and squeezing the sides of the pot with the other.
3. Prepare the root ball for planting by gently disturbing the surface roots with your fingers, fork, or gardening tool and pruning any damaged roots. This will encourage the roots to begin growing outward into the new soil.
4. Dig a hole twice as deep and twice as wide as the plant's root ball. Partially backfill the hole with soil and place the plant into the hole. The top of the root ball should be level with the ground surrounding the hole. Refill the hole with soil, firming the soil around the plant with your fingers. Check to be sure the plant is not planted too deeply. If it is, raise the plant carefully and re-firm the soil.
5. Water thoroughly.

CONTINUING CARE

WATERING

Adequate and consistent watering is essential during your plant's first year in the garden. Infrequent, long soakings of water that thoroughly saturate the soil are more effective than frequent, light applications of water.

Due to variable geographical and environmental conditions, a specific watering schedule is difficult to define. However, as a rule of thumb, you should not allow the soil or the original root ball to completely dry out. During the first summer, you may need to water as often as every few days in periods of drought and extreme summer heat. To determine if your plant needs water, dig a few inches into the soil next to the plant. If the soil is dry 2-3 inches below the surface, it is time to water.

Overwatering can be as damaging as under watering. Be sure that the area surrounding your plant has adequate drainage to move water away from the plant. If you choose to plant in a container, always select one with drainage holes to prevent your plant's roots from sitting in water.

MULCHING

Apply a 2-4 inch layer of shredded bark, compost, leaves, straw or other organic matter around your plants to promote moisture retention, maintain even soil temperatures and discourage weed growth. Replenish the mulch as needed.

PRUNING CLEMATIS

In late winter or before new growth begins in early spring, cut the plant back to a height of 12 to 24 inches. Dead, damaged or unsightly growth may be removed as needed to maintain an attractive appearance.

PRUNING CLIMBING ROSES

Pruning improves the quantity and quality of the blooms of your climbing rose. Remove spent flowers to promote additional flowering by pinching or cutting off the blossoms as they fade. Before new growth begins each year, prune to remove any dead or damaged wood. Climbing roses need only minimal pruning when newly planted. The second growing season, select 3-4 strong canes to "climb" and remove other canes. Once the rose has reached the desired height, keep suckers off the lower part of the plant and prune damaged or weak lateral canes at the top. Little pruning is required going forward, though laterals may be pruned severely if desired.

CONTINUING CARE (Continued)

TRAINING CLEMATIS

Clematis climbs by twisting petioles, or leaf stems. Since the vine itself does not twine, select a support no more than one inch in width to accommodate its habit. Clematis is a determined climber that will quickly entangle itself in its own stems if it does not have an appropriate support to climb. In spring when growth is at its most vigorous, check the plant often, encouraging the stems to spread out over its support.

TRAINING CLIMBING ROSES

Climbing roses produce main canes from the base which form the structure of the plant. Each main cane produces lateral shoots that bear flowers. Climbing roses are not self-clinging and need to be tied to a support such as a trellis or fence. Make sure the support you choose is firmly anchored and sturdy enough to bear the weight of the mature plant. As the rose grows, attach the main canes to the support with plant ties or strips of flexible cloth.

FEEDING

Feed your plants once every 2-3 weeks during the growing season with a water soluble fertilizer such as **Cottage Farms' Carefree Bud-N-Flower Booster (SKU #M7582)**. Discontinue feeding after September 1st so your plants can harden off for winter dormancy. Resume fertilizing when new growth appears in spring.

WINTERIZING

Watering thoroughly in late fall will greatly enhance your plant's cold tolerance once the ground has frozen.

Climbing roses and clematis should be winterized in late fall. In extremely cold areas, canes of climbing roses can be tied together on their support and wrapped in burlap. When winterizing perennials, keep in mind that the root system is the most vulnerable to cold damage. Mulch heavily by mounding a 6-8 inch layer of loose soil, shredded bark, compost, leaves, straw or other organic material over the crown of each plant to prevent winter damage.

In very cold areas, containerized plants can be brought into an unheated, protected area such as a garage or cellar before temperatures drop below freezing. Check soil moisture every 2-3 weeks and water as needed during winter.

In spring, remove mounded soil or mulch from in-ground plantings. Containerized plants should be moved back out into the garden sunlight where they will begin to repeat their yearly garden performance.