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PLANTING and CARING FOR your clematis

Planting

Before planting soak your new clematis for 10 minutes in a bucket of water, ensuring that the plant absorbs enough water. Plant the clematis in a planting hole one spade deep and one spade wide. Plant the clematis at least 5 cm deeper than the height of the plant in the pot. A clematis needs moist well drained soil. You can use rose soil or you can combine potting soil with your own soil.

Fertilizing

Fertilize your clematis at the end of the winter with well rotted organic manure. From the beginning of the spring till the end of the summer apply liquid fertilizer several times. Before and during flowering, give the clematis plenty of water in order to avoid clematis wilt. This is particularly important for the large flowering hybrids.

Pruning

The type of pruning depends upon the time of year in which the clematis flowers. When it comes to pruning, clematis can be divided into three groups. For more detailed information see the other side.

The first year prune every type of newly purchased clematis back to 30 cm above the ground (just above two healthy buds).

1 This type of clematis flowers on stems from the previous year. Pruning is only necessary for the weak and dead wood. If the clematis has grown too large it can be pruned, but not until after it has flowered.

Montana Broughton Star, Marjorie, Pleniflora, Primrose Star, Freda, Mayleen, Wilsonii, Tetrarose, Warwickshire Rose. **Atragene** Francis Rives, Love Child, Pointy, Maidwell Hall, Markham's Pink, Purple Spider, White Lady. **Armandii** Snowdrift, Apple Blossom. **Campanella** Winter Beauty. **Forsterii** Early Sensation, Joe, Pixie. **napaulensis**.

2 This type of clematis flowers best on old stems, and less well on young stems. Prune weak and dead wood in February, beginning of March. After flowering prune lightly.

Vroege grootbloemige Andromeda, Beauty of Worchester, Belle of Woking, Blue Light, Chalcedony, Countess of Lovelace, Duchess of Edinburgh, Gabrielle, Jackmanii Alba, Kiri Te Kanawa, Louise Rowe, Mrs. James Mason, Mrs Spencer Castle, Multi Blue, Piilu, Proteus, Royalty, Sylvia Denny, Thyrislund, Veronica's Choice, Vyvyan Pennell, Alabast, Barbara Jackman, Esperanto, Fireworks, Fujimusume, Gabrielle, General Sikorski, Gillian Blades, Henryi, Huvi, Kakio, Lasurstern, Masquerade, Miss Bateman, Mme Le Coultre, Mrs. Cholmondeley, Nelly Moser, Niobe, Opaline, Prince Philip, Red Pearl, Richard Pennell, Sealand Gem, Silver Moon, Sunset, The President, The Vagabond, Vino, Warszawska Nike, Westerplatte.

3 This type of clematis flowers on stems from the same year. Prune this clematis at the end of February and beginning of March back to approximately 50 cm above the ground. Some sorts die off at ground level. Prune these back to 5 cm.

Late grootbloemige Ascotiensis, Blekitny Aniol, Comtesse de Bouchaud, Dominika, Ernest Markham, Gipsy Queen, Hagley Hybrid, Huldine, Jackmanii Superba, John Huxtable, Justa, Mme. Baron Veillard, Perle d'Azur, Pink Fantasy, Prince Charles, Rahvarinne, Rhapsody, Roude Cardinal, Star of India, Ville de Lyon, Viola. **Florida** Alba Plena, Sieboldii, **Viticella** Alba Luxurians, Betty Corning, Caerulea Luxurians, Elvan, Emilia Plater, Etoile Rose, Etoile Violette, Hagelby Pink, Hagelby White, Little Nell, Minuet, Mme. Julia Correvon, Odoriba, Polish Spirit, Purpurea Plena Elegans, Royal Velours, Rubra, Venosa Violacea, Walenburgh, **Diversifolia** Aljonushka, Arabella, Blue Boy, Blue Pirouette, Durandii, Fascination Hendersonii, Hendryetta, Inspiration, Jan Fopma, **Texensis** Duchess of Albany, Fusca, Gravety Beauty, Ladybird Johnson, Princess Diana, Sir Trevor Lawrence, **Integrifolia**, Alba, Budapest, Floris V, Rosea, **Tangutica** Anita, Bill Mackenzie, Last Dance, My Angel, Tibetan Gem, Tibetan Mix, **Heracleifolia** Cote d'Azur, Mrs. Robert Brydon, New Love, Praecox, **Flammula**, Pretty in Blue, Triternata Rubromarginata, **Botanisch** apiifolia, Paul Farges, recta Pamela, terniflora (=maximowicziana), Rehderiana, trichotoma, virginiana.