

## GARDENING MAINTANCE TIPS FOR JASMINE



Jasmine plants thrive in Southern California's warm climate. Here are some gardening maintenance tips to keep your jasmine healthy and flourishing:

- 1. Sunlight:** Jasmine plants prefer full sun to partial shade. Choose a location that receives at least 4-6 hours of sunlight daily.
- 2. Soil:** Plant jasmine in well-draining soil. Amend heavy clay soils with organic matter to improve drainage.
- 3. Watering:** Water your jasmine regularly, especially during the hot summer months. Allow the soil to dry out slightly between waterings to prevent root rot.
- 4. Fertilizing:** Feed your jasmine with a balanced fertilizer in spring and summer to promote healthy growth and abundant blooms. Reduce feeding in fall and winter when growth slows.
- 5. Pruning:** Prune jasmine plants in late winter or early spring to shape the plant and remove any dead or damaged growth. Regular pruning also encourages bushier growth and more flowers.
- 6. Support:** Provide support for climbing jasmine varieties with a trellis, fence, or other structure to encourage vertical growth.
- 7. Mulching:** Apply a layer of mulch around the base of the plant to retain soil moisture, regulate soil temperature, and reduce weed growth.
- 8. Pest and Disease Control:** Keep an eye out for pests such as aphids and spider mites, and diseases like powdery mildew. Treat promptly with appropriate organic or chemical controls if necessary.
- 9. Propagation:** Jasmine can be propagated from cuttings taken in spring or summer. Plant the cuttings in a well-draining soil mix and keep them moist until they root.
- 10. Winter Care:** Although most jasmine varieties are hardy in Southern California, protect your plants from frost in colder areas by covering them with frost cloth or moving potted plants indoors.