

'Sweet Summer Love'

Clematis 'Sweet Summer Love'

pp#24,044, cbraf

Common name: clematis



Landscape Info:

USDA/AHS zones:	USDA 4/AHS 9
Mature height:	10'+/3.0+ m
Exposure:	Part sun-full sun
Irrigation:	Average

Features & Benefits:

- All Proven Winners clematis are easy to grow, disease resistant, and require no fussy pruning.
- The first sweet autumn clematis to bloom in color, with a profusion of violet blooms that change to purple. Very fragrant!
- Prune to two buds above ground in spring each year.
- Can be trained on a trellis, pergola, railing, etc.



Cultural info:

pH Level:	5.6 – 6.2	
Nutrient Needs:	Low (see notes)	
EC (2:1 extract):	0.6 – 0.9	
Light Level:	High	
Watering:	Moderate; good drainage imperative.	
Rooting Out Temp:	65 – 72° F/18.3 – 22.2° C	
Overwintering Temp:	Polyhouse, no heat (where hardy)	
Sales Window:	Blooms summer; sell any time	
Blooms On:	New wood	
Trimming/pruning:	Prune 2-3 times through season	
Vernalization:	Required	
Vigor Rating:	Average	
Finish Size	Liner Size	Weeks of Active Growth to Finish
1 gallon	2 ¼" • 4" • QT	10-12 • 9-11 • 8-10
2 - 3 gallon	4" • QT	16-20 • 14-18

Grower Tips:

- Grow plants cool early in the season to prevent top growth from outpacing root development, which complicates maintenance later. Lower fertility also helps with this issue.
- Should be grown in larger, rather than smaller, pots, with a bamboo trellis or similar structure placed in the soil. Use a light, fast-draining growing media.
- Pinch/prune 2-3 times to encourage branching and minimize plants growing into each other.
- Plants benefit from manual training of vines onto support structure, which results in less maintenance and a more appealing plant at retail.
- Once flower buds have set, grow plants drier to prevent clematis wilt. Spray with thiophanate-methyl fungicide as a preventative.
- Top-dress with rice hulls or something similar to minimize weeds, algae, liverwort, etc., since leaf coverage of soil is minimal.
- Should be last plants to be moved outdoors.
- Potting a 2 ¼" liner directly to a 3 gallon can is not recommended.
- Late bloom makes shipping flowering plants tricky. Being pot-bound seems to encourage blooming on this variety.