

Clematis Planting & Care Guide for Boise and Treasure Valley Gardens

*A local gardening guide from Five Mile Farm & Greenhouses
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Clematis are beautiful flowering vines that do well in Boise and Treasure Valley gardens. With proper planting, pruning and care, they can provide stunning blooms from spring through fall.

PLANTING LOCATION

Clematis prefer cool, shaded roots with warm sun on their foliage. Planting low-growing flowers or shrubs nearby can help shade the roots. Adding 3–4 inches of mulch around the base of the plant is another effective way to keep roots cool.

FERTILIZING

Feed clematis twice a year with a balanced granular fertilizer or use a water-soluble fertilizer for quicker results during the growing season.

PRUNING TYPES

- **Pruning Group 1 or A:** Early-blooming clematis that flower on last year's wood. Prune dead and weak stems after flowering in early summer.
- **Pruning Group 2 or B:** Large-flowered cultivars that bloom from May to June on last year's growth and then again in late summer on this year's wood. Prune dead stems as you see them or to shape.
- **Pruning Group 3 or C:** Bloom in late summer and fall on this year's wood. Require major pruning with all stems being removed down to the ground in late winter or early spring.

PRUNING TIP

If you don't remember the pruning type of your clematis, leave the prior year's growth in place until mid-spring. Prune only when you can see which vines are dead and which ones are starting to leaf out.

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