

Frostproof Gardenia (*Gardenia jasmonoides* 'Frostproof')

The frost-proof gardenia can grow to a height of 3-4 feet and has a potential width of up to 6 feet. It typically blooms from spring until late summer, producing waxy white or ivory blossoms 2-3 inches wide with a sweet scent.



Plant Care: A frost-proof gardenia requires an intermediate level of care including adequate watering, abundant sunlight, soil drainage, and air circulation. This species of evergreen ornamental landscape plant. As an evergreen, the frost-proof gardenia will keep its lush green foliage throughout the winter. It functions well as part of a landscape or in a container. Fertilizer can improve the health of gardenias.

This is one of the few flowering species that will not lose blooms after a frost that occurs in the late spring. When growing the frost-proof gardenia out of doors, choose a sunny location with at least four full hours of direct sunlight every day. Prune this plant annually in late summer, after its blooms have faded away, using gardening shears.

Watering: For an outdoor hedge, supplement with hand or hose watering whenever the frost-proof gardenia receives less than an inch of rainwater in a given week. It is suggested that gardeners provide water daily to a new plant, making certain that the moisture does not simply pool around the shallow top layer of soil.

This plant grows well in loamy, sandy, or claylike soil. A standard fertilizer can be provided in spring, before the appearance of new growth.

References:

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