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Botanical Name	Gardenia jasminoides
Common Name	Miami Supreme
Mature Size	3 to 4 feet
Bloom Color	White
Bloom Period	Late Spring, Early Summer, Scattered in Fall
Boom Form	Double
Water	Moderate
Light	Full Sun to Light Shade
USDA Zone	8, 9, 10
Fragrance	Intense
Uses	Specimen, Borders, Hedges
Special Features	Intensely fragrant, resilient root system



When it comes to the combination of beauty of fragrance the Gardenia is usually at the top of most lists. The Miami Supreme has been a favorite for decades, with its large, glossy, deep green, foliage, and its large, intensely sweet smelling snow white doubled flowers. It came to be called **Miami Supreme** as it was among the first gardenias to be introduced into the South Florida area grafted onto Gardenia thunbergia stock to make it more resistant to the nematodes which generally greatly shorten the life span of own root Gardenias in the tropics.

This cultivar can make a superb and sweet smelling hedge row or mass planting located near entries, or outdoor activity areas, as the the intoxicating perfume floating through the summer air adds an extra dimension of enjoyment.

Miami Supreme Gardenia can be grown as a potted plant and while gardenias are frequently grown indoors, they are notoriously difficult to maintain as house plants, so we recommend keeping gardenia plants outdoors in light shade as much as is practical and possible.

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Gardenias are a great gift choice for a gardener of any skill level. They are not hard to grow and provide both fragrance and elegant beauty with minimal care.

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Planting of 4 inch size starter plants or plugs directly into the landscape is not recommended, so for the best results with your new Gardenia, it should be repotted and allowed to grow larger before setting in a landscape within the recommended USDA Zone Range:

When your new plant has filled the new pot with roots and has grown larger, then:

- Plant in well draining, slightly acidic soil. Amend the planting area with high quality compost as may be needed.
- Locate in full sun to light shade.
- Feed a good quality coated slow release bloom boosting fertilize at least twice per year .
- Maintain uniform soil moisture.
- Protect from cold until well established. Plant early in the season in Zones 5, 6, and 7 and mulch in heavily well ahead of the first freeze.
- Prune lightly for shape after flowering.

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Care of Your New Gardenia Plant

Here are a few basic guidelines for handling and caring for your new Gardenia plant:

Direct planting of 4 inch starter size plants directly into the landscape is not recommended. So, for the best results with your new hibiscus plant we suggest that it be repotted into a larger pot and allowed to grow larger until the new pot is filled with roots before setting out.

- Immediately unpack, remove the wrappings and shipping gel and discard the gell.
- Re-pot the new plant into a 6 inch to 10 inch diameter pot that can drain easily and thoroughly.
- Use a good quality commercial potting media.
- Apply a high quality, slow release plant food according to the label directions. A product formulated for acid loving plants is preferable. Do not use hot, all chemical fertilizes like 6-6-6 or 10-10-10.
- Locate so that the plant can receive direct, full spectrum light for several hours daily, but is protected from hot, direct afternoon sun.
- Maintain consistent and uniform moisture in the soil. Take care not to over water.
- Packing crystals may be reused to conserve water, but do so with caution as they hold 6000 times their weight in water.
- If reusing the crystals, mix and incorporate them thoroughly throughout the potting media.
- Be sure the pot can drain and that the bottom of the pot does not sit submerged in water for more than a day.
- Supplement feed with a water soluble plant food (such as Miracle Grow) every 2-3 weeks according to the label directions.
- Prune or pinch lightly and often after flowering between July and September, when the plant is young and actively growing to strengthen the central stalk and encourage branching and build uniform shape. Note: Pruning in the Fall will decrease number of flowers in the Spring.
- Monitor for signs of disease or insects and treat accordingly.
- Protect from frost and freeze until well established.

Despite their ability to grow and bloom in moderate shade, **Gardenias are not easily grown as house plants**, while they can be brought indoors when blooming, they should be returned to outdoor life soon after the bloom cycle ends.

Yellowing of lower leaves is a natural and normal response to aging of the leaf, change of the season, or any other sudden change in the environment.

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