



## Emerald Goddess Gardens

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Botanical Name	Cestrum nocturnum
Common Name	Night Blooming Jasmine
Mature Size	6' x 10'
Bloom Color	Ivory
Bloom Period	Cyclical Spring to Fall
Boom Form	Small Trumpet
Water	Drought Tolerant Once Established
Light	Full Sun to Light Shade
USDA Zone	8-11
Fragrance	Intense fragrance
Uses	Mixed Border, Background, Patio Standard,
Special Features	Highly Fragrant, EZ to Grow



The **Night Blooming Jasmine or Cestrum nocturnum** is a large growing, semi-tropical flowering shrub that is native to South America and the West Indies, and is among the most popular and loved plants we sell.

It grows large, easily reaching over 6 feet in a few seasons. It is a vigorous grower with long, sprawling stems and keeping it contained can sometimes be more challenging than getting it established. It blooms in profuse clusters of small, and not particularly visually impressive trumpet shaped blooms in a soft and elegant, creamy, green toned white, that remain about half closed during the daylight hours. The flowers are pretty, and bring an air of understated elegance to the garden. However, it is the pleasing, intense fragrance that wafts in the night air that is the **Night Blooming Jasmine's** best feature.

The **Night Blooming Jasmine** can be grown as a large, flowing hedge, incorporated into layered or mixed perennial beds; makes a fine anchor, transitional or specimen planting, or can be grown as a small standard form tree, or as a large potted plant.

Locate it near frequently used entrance points, windows that can be opened at night, or near night time entertaining areas such as the pool or patio to add an extra dimension of enjoyment to being outdoors in the warm season. It makes a great addition to butterfly gardens, as the nectar rich flowers attract butterflies, but seldom host caterpillar.

For the best result plant it in the full sun in well draining soil. It will tolerate a wide range of soils and will grow most anywhere except the seashore. It is not salt tolerant, and will need freeze protection. It will tolerate some light shade, but blooms best in full sun. In Zone 8, it is generally killed to the ground in the winter and resprouts in the spring, so best to keep it potted until all danger of frost is past, and then set it out early in the season so it has several months to acclimate.

Direct planting of 4 inch starter size plants is not recommended. For the best results, we suggest potting the starter into a large pot and allowing the root system to better develop before setting it out within the recommended USDA Zone Range.

When the new pot has filled with roots, and the plant is ready to be planted, here a few helpful hints for successfully growing the **Night Blooming Jasmine**:

- Plant in fertile, well draining, slightly acidic soil. Amend the planting area with high quality compost as required.
- Supply supplemental irrigation until very well established.
- Prune lightly and often while the plant is young and becoming established to build interior body and strength. Prune after flowering to maintain size and shape.
- Plant early in the season in Zones 8 and 9A, and mulch heavily well ahead of the first frost.
- Protect from freezing until very well established.

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## Care of Your New Plant

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

Direct planting of 4 inch starter size plants or plugs directly into the landscape is not recommended, with a few exceptions. So, for the best results with your new 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.

Check the recommended USDA Zone Range for the plant. Many gardeners are able to successfully grow plants outside their recommended Zones, but this is dependent upon providing the type of environment and care the plant needs.

- Immediately repot the new plant into a 6 inch to 10 inch diameter pot (a 6 inch pot is the recommended size for starter plugs) 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. Do not use hot, all chemical fertilizers 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 few hours.
- Supplement feed with a water soluble plant food every 2-3 weeks according to the label directions.
- Prune or pinch lightly and often when the plant is young and actively growing to strengthen the central stalk and encourage branching and build uniform shape.
- Monitor for signs of disease or insects and treat accordingly.
- Protect from frost and freeze, as even cold tolerant plants can be damaged by cold, and tropicals will perform better, flower earlier, and live longer within their Zone Range when protected from cold temperatures.

Many tropical and subtropical plants can be grown as potted plants indefinitely, and can be successfully wintered over indoors in colder climates, so long as they are moved indoors well ahead of temps into the 30°F's, are maintained in warm environment (minimum 40°F) with adequate, full spectrum light, consistent soil moisture is maintained, and any pest or disease issue are promptly and properly addressed.

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