



# Emerald Goddess Gardens

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Botanical Name	Jasmine officinale grandiflora
Common Name	Poet's Jasmine or Jessamine Spanish Jasmine, Hardy Jasmine, French Perfume Jasmine, Yeh-hsi-ming, Jadimalli, Pitchy-poo.
Mature Size	15 feet
Bloom Color	White
Bloom Period	Warm Season
Boom Form	Star-shaped
Water	Moderate
Light	Full Sun to light shade
USDA Zone	7, 8, 9, 10
Fragrance	Intensely sweet
Uses	Trellis, Pergola, Arbor, Free Form
Special Features	Wonderfully fragrant, easy to grow
Grower Notes	References to 'true jasmine' generally refer to this plant



For those that appreciate the romantic and historical connections to the past provided by our gardens, there could be no better choice than the **Jasmine officinale**, as this plant has been cultivated and enjoyed for so many centuries that it's correct origin is unknown. Romantic stories, legends and traditions that reference the jasmine plant cross many centuries and cultures. It is believed to have originated somewhere in Central Asia, based on references to it contained in ancient Chinese texts. Modern texts consider it native to the, Europe, Himalayas, Nepal, China, Iran, India, Afghanistan and Pakistan. It is the national flower of Pakistan.

**Jasmine officinale** is a vigorous growing, twining climber with sharply pointed pinnate leaves and clusters of pure white star-shaped, wonderfully fragrant flowers. Although there is debate between botanists, **grandiflora** is generally thought to be a superior selected sub-cultivar of true **officinale**. Some believe the distinction is in the size of the flower and a tell tale blush of pink, other believe those subtle differences to be the result of weather and nutritional factors.

Regardless, this jasmine is a wonderfully enjoyable and rewarding plant to grow with a number of versatile uses in most any garden. It is also adapts well to indoor potted culture with adequate light.

**Officinale** is the most cold hardy of the jasmines, with well established plants having the ability to survive cold temperatures into the high to mid 20s°F. The essential oil is a popular ingredient for perfumes and massage oils.

Direct planting of 4 inch starter size plants is not recommended, so for the best results with your new plant, we recommend it be re-potted and allowed to grow larger before setting out in a tropical to subtropical landscape. When the new pot has filled with roots and the plant is larger, then here a few hints for successful growing in the landscape in Zones 7, 8, 9, 10 or it can be grown as a potted plant or house plant indefinitely.

- Plant in fertile well draining, slightly acidic soil in the full sun. Amend with high quality organic material as needed.
- Locate in full sun to very lightly dappled shade.
- Provide supplemental irrigation.
- Feed a good quality, slow release, bloom boosting fertilizer with the initial planting and twice yearly in the early Spring and early Fall thereafter.
- Supplement with a water soluble plant food in between feeding.
- Prune after flowering to control size and shape
- Protect from frost and freeze until very well established.
- Reduce water during winter dormancy

This plant is intended for use as an ornamental, decorative item only. Emerald Goddess Gardens does not recommend, endorse nor offer the product for any other use.

## 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 re-potted 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 re-pot 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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