

BUCHANAN'S

NATIVE PLANTS

Gardenia Selection

Buchanan's carries a variety of gardenia shrubs so you can find one with the size and features you want. They are all very fragrant.

Dwarf Gardenia (radicans)

This variety grows low (1-2 feet) and wide (3-4 feet). Use it as a spreading individual or an impressive ground cover. Radicans grows slower than some other varieties and appreciates part shade. It blooms heaviest in late spring and fall with intermittent blooms in summer.

Frost Proof

This variety grows 3-4 feet high. Frost Proof has a more upright habit, supporting shiny, dark green leaves and fragrant, white 2 to 3 inch flowers. It will grow in part shade but it can also handle more sun than most gardenias.

Jubilation

Jubilation is a recent introduction from the Southern Living Collection. It grows 3-4 feet high and blooms heavily in spring; reblooming fragrantly through summer into fall.

August Beauty

This gardenia grows 4-6 feet high and blooms mid-spring through fall with large, sweetly fragrant, velvety white flowers.

Aimee

Aimee is a large shrub with the largest blooms of the gardenias. It can handle sun to part shade and will grow up to 6 feet tall and 5 feet wide. It blooms largely in the spring.

Doublemint

Doublemint is a compact shrub (2.5 to 3 feet tall, 2.5 to 3 feet wide) that re-blooms mid-summer to early fall. It is famous for its sweet, rich fragrance.

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Gardenia Care

Site selection

Most gardenias grow best in part shade with some sun in the morning. Some varieties like Frost Proof and Aimee can handle more sun.

Soil

Gardenias appreciate a well-drained, acidic soil high in organic matter. The Rose and Azalea Soil from The Ground Up is an excellent choice. Applying acidified cotton bur compost at least twice a year will help to maintain soil acidity.

Fertilizer

Using the right fertilizer helps to maintain the appropriate soil acidity for gardenias. Microlife Azalea fertilizer works great. Greensand is an excellent amendment for adding iron and other micronutrients.

Mulch

Always maintain at least 2 inches of mulch to protect your gardenia's roots from heat or cold. Pine bark mulch or pine needles are the best mulches for gardenias.

Water

Gardenias are not drought tolerant. They grow best in consistently moist but well-drained soil.