

GARDENIAS

Soil

Acidic, moist, well drained. Use an azalea/camellia type mix when conditioning soil.

Light

Filtered light inland, full sun on the coast.

Water

Evenly moist, never too wet or too dry. Adopt a consistent watering schedule.

Fertilizer

Use a fertilizer for acid loving plants once a month Spring-Fall. Gardenias love iron, also. Feed with iron after main flowering season.

Problems

Yellow leaves and leaf drop

Changes in weather or soil moisture levels. Some leaf drop is normal in early spring before buds begin to appear.

Yellow leaves with green veins

Iron chlorosis. Feed with chelated iron or iron sulphate.

Flower or bud drop

Usually cold weather or inconsistent watering. Gardenias like warmth and even moisture.

Tiny black or green insects on buds or leaves

Aphids, spray with Ultra-Fine.

Leaf tips and edges browning

Salt accumulation. Leach the plant with water thoroughly.

Leaves turn brown

Too dry. Gardenias like to be evenly moist.

Varieties of Gardenias:

AUGUST BEAUTY	5' tall and 3' wide	Large double white flowers May - November	Heavy bloomer
MYSTERY	6-8' tall	4-5" Very large flowers May-July	Tends to have an open growth habit. Prune to keep neat.
RADICANS	6-12" tall and 2-3' wide	1" double, white flowers. Summer bloom	Small scale ground cover or container plants
VEITCHII	3-4 ½ tall and wide	1 ½" white flowers May – November and through warm winters	Heavy bloomer
WHITE GEM	1-2' tall and as wide	Dwarf plant with single, fragrant flowers	Great in containers, raised beds. Blooms often.

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