



ESTABLISHING VINES

PLANTING: Careful planting will ensure the best performance and longevity of your vine. Most vines appreciate a fertile soil with even moisture and good drainage, so amendment is recommended if you have clay or sand. They will reward you with greater bloom and more vigour. Dig a hole about a 300mm (foot) from your supporting structure. The hole should be at least twice the diameter and 100mm (4 inches) deeper than the pot, much more if you are amending the soil. Carefully remove the plant from the pot without pulling on the stem or the stake. Place the plant in the hole so that the pot soil level matches ground level and fill in around it. Water thoroughly and add soil if settling occurs. Do not compact the soil by stepping hard on it, the water will settle it enough. Keep soil moist, but not wet by watering regularly throughout the first season of growth. Granular or liquid fertilizer may be used, but should be kept light during the first season to encourage root growth. For autumn planting, avoid fertilizer unless you live in a very hot climate.

TRAINING: Vines can be trained in a variety of ways. For a more formal look, choose a traditional trellis or arbour. Naturalistic planting can be achieved by allowing a vine to find its own way just like it would in the wild. This will often result in your vines finding an open shrub to share or they may grow onto a wall depending on their natural habit.

PRUNING: Campsis Madame Galen may not need much pruning in its first year or two. Cut only to guide the plant to the form you want it to take. Always cut just above a bud to avoid leaving a long section of dead stem, which will attract disease. In future years prune and direct stems during the winter or early spring while the leaves are off so that you can see the structure of the plant. Remember that the plant will branch at the point of the cut, so prune low for a fuller appearance or remove all but two or three stems to train long over an arch or arbour. Always remove diseased or dead stems as you see them, whatever the season.

SHRUB FORMATION: A large number of vines can be formed as shrubs. In order to attain this:



1. Allow the lead growth to extend to just below the height of the shrub you want then prune, this will encourage the lower growth to extend.
2. Repeat the first step. As the growth appears repeat the process.
3. Allow 2 months before flowering time for the last prune to allow buds to form for flowering.
4. This method will keep the vines in control and give you a standout plant for your garden.

STANDARDISING: Vines can be controlled and standardised to form a feature plant for you garden as follows:



1. Material required: purchase 1. a post, Purchase 2. quick set concrete, Purchase 3. a rose ring or similar the diameter required, means of attaching the ring(bolts, screws etc.)
2. Purchase 1.a post to the size and height you require, this will depend on the strength and height of the vine involved.
3. Dig a hole to a depth of 25% of the length of the post allowing at least 150mm (6 inches) bigger diameter than the post.
4. Purchase 3. Attach the ring to the top of the post.
5. Set the post in the hole and concrete inn keeping the post vertically plum. Allow at least 24 hours to cure.
6. Dig a hole as described above and plant your vine.
7. Allow the vine to grow up the post, this may require help as in twining the vine in the natural direction of its twist and tie it to the post or supplying chicken wire to allow it to attach itself.

8. Maintenance will require that you keep the vine moving up until it reaches the top of the ring, then allow the vine to drape over the ring and then prune the end to allow it to branch or for the next growth to catch up.
9. When growth has reached to your satisfaction the only maintenance required is a yearly prune below the ring and clean up the base of the vine.

NOTE: It is worth noting that once established vines(except tender vines) require very little water to survive and thrive in the garden

With a good start and attention during establishment, your vine will be a beautiful and long lasting additions to your garden!

ENJOY!

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