

Cultural Information – Gelsemium

(jel-SEM-ee-um)

Hardy to Zone 8 and higher for outdoors.

Full sun, grows 1-3' in container, vining in habit, minimum temperature 35°,
blooms in spring, fall and winter.

<u>Light:</u>	Full sun, a southern exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Minimum indoor temperature above 35°; however, they will tolerate low levels periodically. Hardy to Zone 7 and higher for outdoors planting.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Preferably 50% or higher; however, they will tolerate low levels without harm.
<u>Watering:</u>	Bring the soil to a state of visual dryness between watering. When watering, thoroughly saturate the soil until some water trickles out of the bottom of the pot. Growing in a clay pot will help ensure a healthy root system. Don't over water.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Go easy on the fertilizer. Apply monthly or bi-monthly using ½ tsp of fertilizer per gallon of water. Use a balanced fertilizer like a 10-10-10 or 7-9-5.
<u>Pruning:</u>	The best time to prune is late spring after flowering and when in active growth.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Resistant to most insects; occasionally mealy bug problems. They are resistant to root disease.
<u>Comments</u>	A winter blooming plant that prefers cool temperatures during winter. Perfect for a cold windowsill. The flowers are delightfully fragrant on this vigorous vine.

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