

# GARDENIA

## REGION OF ORIGIN

Tropical



### LIGHT

Place your Gardenia in bright, indirect light for at least 6 hours per day. Optimal growth occurs in southern exposure. In the summer, filtered light outdoors is ideal, supplemented with artificial light as needed in the winter months when indoors. Direct sunlight may scorch leaves.



### FERTILIZER

We recommend fertilizers like Espoma Organic Indoor! Houseplant Food, Jack's Houseplant Special or Miracid by Miracle-Gro. Gardenias prefer an acidic fertilizer option to keep their blooms happy and healthy. Feed every 2-4 weeks during active growth, avoid feeding during dormancy.



### PRUNING & PROPAGATION

Prune your Gardenia after blooming, shaping it as desired and retaining growing tips for propagation. Root cuttings in a humid environment like dampened sphagnum moss. Follow proper techniques to encourage new growth and maintain an attractive form.



### SOIL

Gardenias need well-draining, acidic soil with organic matter. We recommend using our Rooted Goods All-Purpose Potting Mix, Uncle Mike's Organic Potting Mix, or Espoma's Organic Potting Mix. All three options are great choices for ensuring healthy growth and thriving plants. The addition of peat moss or bark will help maintain proper pH levels.



### TEMPERATURE

Keep temperatures between 55-70 degrees Fahrenheit, adjusting from low 60's to encourage budding and raising above 70 degrees once buds form. Protect your Gardenia from cold drafts and excessive heat, which can cause flower and bud drop.



### PET FRIENDLY ?

Gardenias are toxic to pets, as ingestion can cause mild to severe symptoms like vomiting or diarrhea in cats and dogs. Keep away from curious paws!



### WATER

Maintain consistently moist soil, avoiding both dryness and waterlogged conditions. Mist the foliage daily with room temperature, chlorine-free water to enhance humidity, promote healthy growth, and prevent leaf yellowing.



### ISSUES + FIXES

Regularly inspect your Gardenia for pests such as aphids, spider mites, scale, and thrips. Treat infestations promptly with insecticidal soap or neem oil to maintain plant health and vitality.