

NEW Arrivals - Cold-Hardy Vines

#1g plants on stakes - limited new shipment

These clematis are all easy-care types that thrive in Truckee with cool roots, steady water, and a sturdy support.

Alpine Clematis - spring blooming, rapid growing and extremely cold-hardy

Best feature: very early spring bloom, quick to cover a trellis, exceptional cold hardiness, and little routine pruning.

Clematis alpina 'Frances Rivis'

Deep blue nodding bell flowers in April and May, followed by attractive silky seed heads. A dependable alpine clematis for fences, obelisks, trellises, or scrambling gently through shrubs.

Pruning: Type A / Group 1 | Height: 6-8 ft | USDA hardiness: Zone 3

Clematis alpina 'Pamela Jackman'

Rich purple-blue spring bells on a hardy, easy-going alpine clematis. Excellent for a lighter, natural look on a trellis, arbor, or small garden structure.

Pruning: Type A / Group 1 | Height: 6-8 ft | USDA hardiness: Zone 3

Clematis alpina 'Willy'

Soft mauve-pink spring bells with deeper pink tones at the base of the flower. Hardy, graceful, and one of the easiest clematis types for cold-climate gardens.

Pruning: Type A / Group 1 | Height: 6-8 ft | USDA hardiness: Zone 3

Clematis alpina 'Stolwijk Gold'

A standout stunner for its sky-blue bell flowers on bright golden foliage. Beautiful anywhere but ideal where foliage can glow against a darker fence, evergreen, or shaded background.

Pruning: Type A / Group 1 | Height: 6-8 ft | USDA hardiness: Zone 3

Viticella Clematis - tough, summer-blooming, larger blooms, easy pruning

Best feature: strong summer bloom with 100's of flowers, great cold hardiness, and simple hard pruning each spring.

Clematis viticella 'Alba Luxurians'

An elegant white viticella with a light, airy look in summer. Lovely for softening fences, posts, or mixed plantings without feeling heavy.

Pruning: Type C / Group 3 | Height: 9-12 ft | USDA hardiness: Zone 3

Clematis viticella 'Betty Corning'

Pale lilac, slightly nodding flowers with a refined, old-garden look from summer into fall. A beautiful, graceful vine for arbors, trellises, or weaving through shrubs.

Pruning: Type C / Group 3 | Height: 9-12 ft | USDA hardiness: Zone 3

Clematis viticella 'Emilia Plater'

Violet-blue, slightly nodding flowers over a long summer bloom period. A reliable viticella for cool climates and a good blue-toned companion to roses and shrubs.

Pruning: Type C / Group 3 | Height: 9-12 ft | USDA hardiness: Zone 3

Clematis viticella 'Minuet'

Small white flowers strongly veined with reddish-purple give this vine a delicate, bicolor effect. A charming choice for close viewing on a patio trellis or garden obelisk.

Pruning: Type C / Group 3 | Height: 9-12 ft | USDA hardiness: Zone 3

Clematis viticella 'Polish Spirit'

A famously strong Polish introduction with masses of deep purple flowers from summer into fall. Vigorous, dependable, and one of the best easy-care purple clematis.

Pruning: Type C / Group 3 | Height: 9-12 ft | USDA hardiness: Zone 3

Clematis viticella 'Rubra'

Small, bright burgundy-red flowers are produced in quantity through the summer. A good choice when you want strong color without giant flowers.

Pruning: Type C / Group 3 | Height: 9-12 ft | USDA hardiness: Zone 3

Clematis viticella 'Venosa Violacea'

Striking white flowers heavily veined and washed with purple, giving each bloom a hand-painted look. A long-blooming, eye-catching viticella for prominent supports.

Pruning: Type C / Group 3 | Height: 9-12 ft | USDA hardiness: Zone 3

Clematis 'Negritjanka'

Very dark purple flowers, similar in feeling to 'Jackmanii' but deeper in color, from midsummer into early fall. A strong choice for a classic purple clematis with extra drama.

Pruning: Type C / Group 3 | Height: 9-12 ft | USDA hardiness: Zone 3

Other Clematis varieties

These are still extremely cold-hardy, mostly summer-blooming selections, but not in the alpine or viticella section above.

Clematis 'Jackmanii'

The classic deep purple clematis - famous, vigorous, and still one of the best-known garden vines. Excellent for a trellis, fence, arbor, or large obelisk.

Pruning: Type C / Group 3 | Height: 12-20 ft | USDA hardiness: Zone 3

Clematis 'Huldine'

Pearly white flowers from midsummer into fall on a vigorous, tall vine. A beautiful choice where a bright white clematis can climb high on a strong support.

Pruning: Type C / Group 3 | Height: 12-20 ft | USDA hardiness: Zone 3

Clematis 'Rouge Cardinal'

Rich burgundy-crimson flowers from summer into fall. A bold, velvety red-toned clematis for a strong color accent on a sunny or lightly shaded support.

Pruning: Type C / Group 3 | Height: 8-12 ft | USDA hardiness: Zone 3

Clematis 'Pink Fantasy'

Shell-pink flowers with a deeper central bar on a compact vine. A good fit for smaller trellises, posts, containers, or places where a softer pink clematis is wanted.

Pruning: Type C / Group 3 | Height: 6-8 ft | USDA hardiness: Zone 3

Clematis integrifolia 'Inspiration'

Deep pink flowers on strong, non-clinging stems. Best tied to a small support or allowed to mingle through a small shrub, where it gives a loose, natural look.

Pruning: Type C / Group 3 | Height: 6-8 ft | USDA hardiness: Zone 3

Quick care note

Plant clematis with cool, shaded roots and the vine trained onto a support. "Head in the sun and feet in the shade". In cold, dry, high-elevation sites, mulch the root zone thoroughly, water deeply while plants establish, and avoid letting the crown dry out in wind.

Pruning type key

Type A / Group 1: Early spring bloomers on last year's stems. Do little or no routine pruning; tidy, shape, and remove dead or winter-damaged growth immediately after flowering.

Type C / Group 3: Summer and fall bloomers on new growth. In late winter or early spring, cut stems back hard to strong buds about 12-18 inches above the ground.

Prune to shape: Trim lightly to keep the vine on its support and remove dead, tangled, or wayward stems. For honeysuckle, shape after flowering or in late winter as needed.

Light pruning: For climbing roses, remove dead, damaged, weak, or crossing canes and tie main canes to the support. Shorten laterals lightly; do not cut back like a Type C clematis.

Separate section - Honeysuckle

Lonicera periclymenum 'Belgica'

A fragrant Dutch honeysuckle with purple-red flowers that fade toward yellow-red, blooming in late spring and often repeating later in summer. Best on a fence, trellis, arbor, or other support where its scent can be enjoyed.

Pruning: Prune to shape | Height: 8-20 ft | USDA hardiness: Zone 5

Separate section - Climbing rose

Rosa 'John Cabot'

A ridiculously cold-hardy Canadian Explorer climbing rose with fragrant medium red to pink flowers. Blooms freely in late spring and early summer, with repeat bloom later in the season.

Pruning: Light pruning | Height: 7-10 ft | USDA hardiness: Zone 2