



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

POETS JASMINE CARE

LIGHT

Poet's or common jasmine (*Jasminum officinale*) is a vigorous, summer-flowering climber. Give it a sunny window or bright conservatory. It benefits from a warm, sheltered outdoor position in summer after gradual acclimation. Good light supports flowering; a dim room will produce weak, sprawling growth.

WATERING

Water container plants thoroughly when the surface begins to dry, keeping the root zone moderately moist during active growth. Let excess water drain and empty the saucer. Water much less during a cool winter rest, without allowing the roots to remain completely dry.

SOIL

Use a fertile, well-drained container potting mix and a pot with drainage holes. Provide a sturdy trellis or hoop for twining stems. Repot crowded plants in spring into a slightly larger container. Keep the stem base at its original depth and avoid dense, waterlogged soil.

TEMPERATURE & WINTER

Grow as a container plant in Maine and protect the pot from freezing. A bright, cool, frost-free winter location suits this seasonal climber better than a hot, dry room. It may shed leaves during winter; adjust water to growth and soil moisture rather than treating natural leaf loss with more water.

FERTILIZING & PRUNING

Feed during active growth with a flowering-plant fertilizer, following label directions, and stop during winter rest. Prune after flowering to control size, remove weak stems and guide strong shoots onto supports. Avoid repeated heavy pruning of new growth intended for the next bloom cycle.

PESTS

Inspect for aphids, mealybugs, scale and whiteflies, especially before bringing outdoor plants inside. Isolate infested plants and select an appropriate labeled treatment. Sparse growth or yellowing warrants checking light, drainage and moisture. Avoid sudden changes between outdoor sun and dim indoor conditions.