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Plant Care Guide

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants



Bougainvillea Glabra

(Bougainvillea spp.)

Bougainvillea is a stunning and vibrant flowering vine known for its colorful bracts that surround inconspicuous flowers. The bracts come in various shades, including brilliant reds, pinks, purples, and oranges, creating a striking display of color. This plant is popular for adding a tropical and Mediterranean flair to gardens and landscapes.



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Origin: South America, particularly Brazil

Care Level & Placement: Moderate, Outdoor plant, preferably in full sun with well-drained soil.



Light

Bougainvillea thrives in full sunlight, requiring at least 6-8 hours of direct sunlight daily to produce abundant flowers. Ensure it is planted in a location where it receives ample sunlight to encourage flowering.



Water

Once established, Bougainvillea is drought-tolerant and prefers slightly dry conditions. Water deeply and infrequently, allowing the soil to dry out between waterings. Overwatering can lead to root rot.



Soil

Plant Bougainvillea in well-draining soil. Sandy or loamy soil with good drainage is ideal. Avoid soils that retain excessive moisture.



Fun fact

The colorful bracts of Bougainvillea are not actually flowers but modified leaves that surround small, inconspicuous flowers. These bracts are responsible for the plant's vibrant and eye-catching appearance.



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Pet Friendliness

While Bougainvillea is generally not considered toxic to pets, the plant's thorns can pose a risk of injury to curious pets. Keep it out of reach or supervise pets around the plant.



Stress Signs

Leaf Drop: Bougainvillea may drop leaves in response to stress, such as sudden temperature changes or overwatering. If you notice a significant leaf drop, assess environmental conditions and adjust accordingly.

Reduced Flowering: If your Bougainvillea produces fewer flowers or fails to bloom, it could be due to insufficient sunlight. Ensure the plant receives adequate sunlight to encourage prolific flowering.

Yellowing Leaves: Yellowing leaves may indicate nutrient deficiencies, such as a lack of potassium. Consider fertilizing your Bougainvillea with a balanced, slow-release fertilizer formulated for flowering plants to address nutrient issues and promote healthy growth.



Botanical Family: Nyctaginaceae

Botanical Name: Bougainvillea spp.

Common Name: Bougainvillea, Paper Flower, Bougainvillea Vine



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