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FERTILIZER CYCLE & CARE GUIDE

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants



HIBISCUS



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1. FERTILIZER CYCLE (STAGE-WISE)

EARLY GROWTH STAGE (0-2 MONTHS AFTER PLANTING)

ADD COW DUNG MANURE / VERMICOMPOST (2-3 KG PER PLANT).

MIX IN NEEM CAKE (50 G PER PLANT) TO PREVENT ROOT PESTS.

ACTIVE GROWTH STAGE (SPRING & MONSOON)

EVERY 15 DAYS → APPLY LIQUID NPK 19:19:19 (2-3 G/LITRE) OR COMPOST TEA.

ADD BONE MEAL OR BANANA PEEL FERTILIZER (MONTHLY) FOR PHOSPHORUS AND POTASSIUM.

FLOWERING STAGE (PEAK SUMMER & WINTER)

EVERY 10-12 DAYS → APPLY NPK 10:26:26 OR 0:52:34 (MORE PHOSPHORUS & POTASSIUM, LESS NITROGEN).

ONCE A MONTH → ADD EPSOM SALT (1 TSP/LITRE WATER) → BOOSTS LEAF COLOR & BUD COUNT.

MAINTENANCE (YEAR-ROUND)

ALTERNATE BETWEEN ORGANIC COMPOST AND LIQUID FERTILIZER.

MULCH SOIL WITH DRY LEAVES/COCOPEAT TO RETAIN MOISTURE.

2. CARING TIPS

✓ **SUNLIGHT** – NEEDS 6-8 HOURS OF DIRECT SUNLIGHT DAILY.

✓ **WATERING** – WATER DEEPLY 2-3 TIMES A WEEK IN SUMMER; REDUCE IN WINTER. (OVERWATERING = YELLOW LEAVES).

✓ **SOIL** – SLIGHTLY ACIDIC, WELL-DRAINED SOIL (40% GARDEN SOIL + 30% COMPOST + 20% SAND + 10% COCOPEAT).

✓ **PRUNING** – CUT BACK OLD BRANCHES IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY → ENCOURAGES NEW SHOOTS & HEAVY FLOWERING.

✓ **PEST CONTROL** – SPRAY NEEM OIL OR SOAP SOLUTION WEEKLY TO PREVENT MEALYBUGS & APHIDS.



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3. PRO HACKS 🌿

🌿 BANANA PEEL HACK → HIBISCUS LOVES POTASSIUM → BLEND BANANA PEELS + WATER, POUR NEAR ROOTS.

🌿 EPSOM SALT SPRAY → 1 TSP/LITRE ONCE A MONTH → GREENER LEAVES + MORE FLOWERS.

🌿 USED TEA & COFFEE GROUNDS → MIX IN SOIL → PROVIDES NITROGEN NATURALLY.

🌿 ONION/GARLIC PEEL WATER → NATURAL PEST REPELLENT + BOOSTS FLOWERING.

🌿 DEADHEADING HACK → REMOVE FADED FLOWERS DAILY → PLANT DIRECTS ENERGY TO NEW BUDS.

🌿 CONTAINER TRICK → IF GROWN IN POTS, REPOT EVERY 2-3 YEARS WITH FRESH SOIL MIX FOR CONTINUOUS BLOOMING.

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