

Fuchsia

General Information:

Fuchsias are well known for their delicate hoopskirt-shaped 1½ -3 inch flowers, which are set among crisp oval leaves on 1 to 3 foot stems. Although most fuchsias bloom in spring and summer, many blossom throughout the year.

Light:

Indoors, Fuchsias do best in at least four hours of direct sunlight a day, but should be protected from midday sun in summer. Outdoors place in “bright” (filtered light) shade with no more than ½ day of sun.

Temperature:

For best quality, grow at 60° to 65° F night temperature; keep day temperatures under 90° (day temperatures of 68° to 85° are ideal).

Water:

Do not allow Fuchsias to wilt and water them early in the day. Keep the soil moist when flowering. Keep soil slightly dry for plants that rest in fall and winter.

Fertilize:

Fertilize every two weeks when plant is in flower. Fertilize every other month for plants that rest in fall and winter. Use a 15-30-15 fertilizer.

Additional Information:

Prune summer flowering plants to about 6 inches from the soil level when plants are resting in mid-fall to early winter. Watch for aphids and spider mites. Spray with tender/gentle insect spray.