

How to take care of a Wisteria

1. Taxonomy

Wisteria is a genus of flowering plants in the legume family, usually found in the Honshu, Kyushu and the Shikoku area in Japan.

2. Preferred Environment

Place at location where you can get a lot of sunshine. Do not dry plant keep hydrated at all times during May to April.

3. Soil

Potting Compost

4. Fertilizer

Apply topdressing in May. Use compound fertilizer. Not necessary if flower not in bloom.

Apply mid-winter manure on top during Jan to Feb. Mixture of Oil cake, poultry manure and compound manure in the ratio of 2:2:1

Apply additional dressing if necessary during June to Sep. Apply more if the vine is not growing.

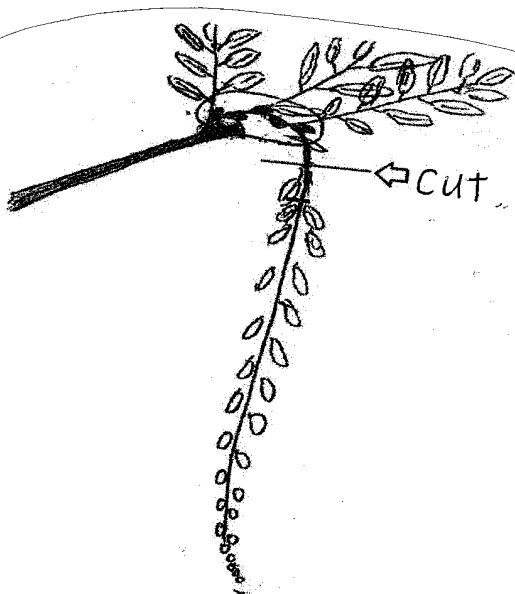
5. When to transplant

Transplant Wisteria once every 3 years on to a different pot the same size during Feb to Mar.

6. When to trim

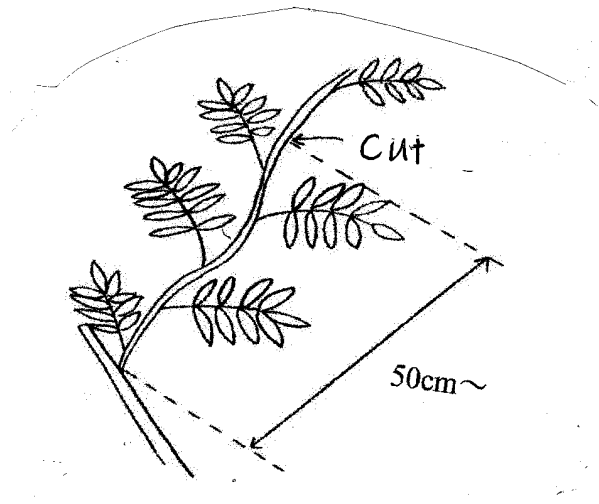
FLOWER BUD REMOVAL (MAY)

After the blooming season, trim the Wisteria as shown below. Cut 2cm below the bud to preserve energy for the plant.



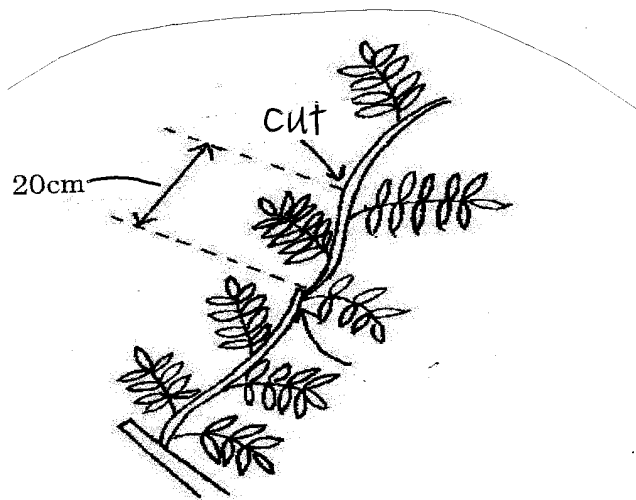
SUMMER TRIM (JULY)

Leave 50~60cm of the vine and trim excessive length. If the vine is too long, it will hinder sunshine and ventilation. Remove other unnecessary vines if required.



SUMMER TRIM 2 (SEPTEMBER)

Trim newly grown vine at the length of 20cm (70cm overall) and remove other excessive vines if necessary.

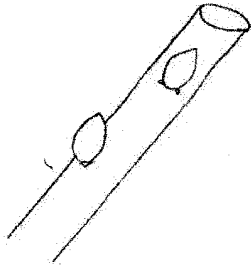


WINTER TRIM (JANUARY)

During January, Trim the leaf bud for more flowers. Characteristics between the Flower bud and leaf bud I shown below.

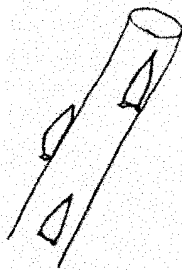
Characteristics of a Flower bud.

The bud has an oval, round appearance. Usually grows where the flowers came out the previous season.



Characteristics of a Leaf bud.

Leaf buds are usually pointy and grows where there is not much exposure to sunlight. Grows at the bottom of a long vine.



How to Trim

1. Cut off all dead leaves.
2. Cut excessively long vines to prevent thick vines
3. Predict where the flower will blossom and cut buds that are close to each other in order to keep distance between each flower.
4. Trim unnecessary vines such as ones that are facing straight up. Vines that grow straight up and down are subject of removal.
5. Trim vines that are too long as shown below. Wisteria flowers usually grow up to 30cm~40cm from the flower bud. Therefore, excessive vines may not look good when in full bloom the following year. Limit to only 3~5 flower buds on each branch as shown below.

