

# Stand By Me Clematis



**A  
must have  
vine in the  
garden for  
beginner  
Gardeners.**

## ***Clematis ‘Stand By Me’***

- **Use:** A non-vining herbaceous Clematis that dies back to the ground at the end of the growing season. Blue bell-shaped flowers. Benefits from staking, cages or neighboring plants for support. Because Clematis Stand by Me is non-vining, it is ideal for a border and does not require a trellis. However, this bush Clematis can benefit from support from neighboring plants, cages, or staking. From Walters Gardens, Hans Hansen - a cross of two non-vining species, *Clematis integrifolia* x *fremontii*. This variety will go completely dormant to the soil line; therefore no pruning is needed. .
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun–shade (not deep shade); Water regularly, when top 3” of soil is dry. Prefers to have its roots shaded and its flowers in the sun in the South.. Use slow release fertilizer twice a year. Once established needs only occasional water.
- **Growth:** Grows to 3’ tall and 2-3’ wide in a bush form. clematis belongs to pruning group 3, meaning it blooms on new growth and should be pruned hard in late winter or early spring, cutting back to about 6-12 inches above ground level.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-7; Perennial, Vine (May need afternoon shade and protection fmr hot zone if trying to grow in zone 8)
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Delicate green foliage grows quickly.
- **Flowers:** Petals arch backward on hundreds of nodding purple flowers trimmed in blue in late spring to early summer with some rebloom into the later summer months. In late summer, glistening, thread-like creamy seed heads rival the beauty of the blossoms.

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