



## How to Grow Philadelphus

**Position** – Full sun or part shade  
**Soil** – Well-drained  
**Flowering Period** – Summer  
**Hardiness** – Fully hardy

### About Philadelphus

Philadelphus or the more commonly known 'Mock Orange' are exquisite deciduous shrubs with simple leaves and fragrant bowl-shaped flowers which form a cluster effect or solitary racemes during the summer period. 'Mock Orange' depicts the glorious light citrus scent that floats across your garden with the breeze. They are best suited to low maintenance flower beds and borders, especially in coastal regions. They will grow to an approximate height of 80cm (32") and a spread of 1m (40").

### How to plant Philadelphus

Philadelphus are best planted in well-drained soil of chalk, clay, sand or loam in an acidic, alkaline or neutral PH balance. As these shrubs are vigorous in growth, ensure that you have left plenty of space for it to thrive and reach a mature height and spread. Before planting, incorporate a generous amount of well-rotted manure or garden compost into the native soil. Once Philadelphus have been placed into the planting area, water thoroughly and deeply. They are best positioned in an area of full sun, but are equally tolerant to part shade.

### How to care for Philadelphus

During the spring, apply a generous layer of mulch in the form of well-rotted manure or garden compost to the base of the plant as this will help to suppress weeds and retain moisture levels. Once the flowering period is over, cut older shoots back to the young growth and leave these to shoot for the following year. It is also recommended that you remove a quarter of old branches each year.

Philadelphus are easy to grow and do not require regular feeding or watering throughout the year. This shrub does well in dry soil although will require moisture during periods of drought.

### How to propagate Philadelphus

It is possible to propagate Philadelphus by hardwood cuttings during dormancy (usually from mid-autumn to late winter) or alternatively by softwood cuttings during spring.