

How to Take Care of your Fuchsia Trees

Fuchsia trees are a work of art. At Flower World we grow the fuchsia trees here in Maltby. The fuchsia trees take a few years from beginning to end. We start the process from a cutting, they will then be transplanted into pots with a stake that we are able to train the plant until the desired height is reached. At that point we pinch the top of the cutting to create the head of the tree. The plant will be supported with a stake attached to the base of the pot it is grown in. The head of the tree is supported by a wire hat. This process is generally two years to create a finished large fuchsia tree with weekly attention during the growing season to make sure pruning is done properly.

Now that you have purchased a fuchsia tree, it is your time to take care of it. Keep in mind that the stake needs to stay attached to the container since this is the support to the tree. The stake will need to be supported any time you move the tree as in the case when you will transport the tree home from the nursery. A fuchsia tree is basically a fuchsia basket on a tree, so all the normal care given to a fuchsia basket is applied the same way. Choose a shady location you are your fuchsia tree, ideally an east or north exposure or under a shady area. Fuchsias can be in some sun just not in the hottest part of the day. Fuchsias prefer 65- 75 degrees.

Fuchsias go thru cycles of blooms, if the tree was in full bloom when you bought it, continue to pinch off spent flowers since they will produce a seed pod, the seed pods that look similar to flower buds, these should be removed since this will stop the fuchsia from flowering.

If the branches grow too long to your taste, prune them to half-length and new shoots with flowers will start appearing. Remove any shoots that appear at the bottom or along the stem of the tree. You will want to promote growth at the top of the tree.

Fuchsia trees need to be protected from frost and winter weather. Fuchsias are typically annual plants and will need to be winterized if you want them to survive for the next season. At the end of the summer before night temperatures are freezing you will Providing a place inside where temperatures are between 35-45 degrees with some light is ideal. The fuchsia tree will become dormant with the colder temperatures and lack of light. You could choose to place the tree in a bedroom that is 50-60 degrees in winter, the leaves will continue to grow more than if kept in cooler temperatures. If you have a garage with a window or a basement this will suffice. During this period refrain from regular watering since the tree does not have leaves to evaporate the water and you can kill the roots by overwatering. In spring when temperatures and light increase new growth will start appearing.

As the days become longer and warmer in spring, your fuchsia tree will start to show growth in the form of leaves especially if given more light. Be aware that your fuchsia tree cannot be placed outside again until all danger of night frost is gone. Generally, in the Seattle area this is mid to late April. Continue with regular watering and fertilizing at this time. Feed regularly in the summer months to promote growth and flowers.

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