

PLUMERIA CARE

Please read this whole page first and if you have any questions about plumeria call **Fernando~714-478-8638.**

Watering

Plumeria should be watered when their soil is completely dry. Depending on the city you live in, if the temperature is 80 degrees or above you should water twice a week, 75 degrees and below once a week. Take into consideration the type of soil your plumeria is planted in. Remember a pot dries from top to bottom so don't go just by the top layer of soil. When you water, a good heavy soak is desirable. Make sure your pot has good drainage and with no dish underneath. Over watering your plumeria could cause stress which will cause it to not flower or rot. Stop watering your plumeria once it drops it leaves typically this occurs December through February. In early spring water lightly a few cups once a week when the temperature is 65 degrees consistently. "If you think something is wrong with your plumeria do not water it. That won't fix it."

Fertilizer

Fertilize your plumeria with a high phosphorus fertilizer nine months a year starting in March or when the temperature where you live is consistently 65+ degrees. I recommend a 50% or higher phosphorus fertilizer and a lower than 10% of both Nitrogen and Potassium. Over feeding your plumeria with Nitrogen and Potassium will cause them to grow long and thin which will cause them to break in windy conditions.

Environment

Plumeria are a full sun plant although in desert areas they may need filtered sunlight or morning sun only. Plumeria easily acclimate to an environment with the proper amount of time to do so. Meaning exposing them to more sun slowly will allow them to adjust. Plumeria do better in plastic containers with good drainage rather than terra cotta pots. Plumeria can be put into the ground when they are 4 feet tall or have been in a pot for four years. Transplanting from pot to pot or pot to ground should be done in May. Remember in high frost areas pots are better for plumeria survival.

Dormant Season

Plumerias go dormant around mid November or when the temperature consistently drops below 60 degrees. They stay dormant until temperature rises consistently above 65 degrees. No water is needed during the dormant season. A rule of thumb no leaves no water. Watering a plumeria with no leaves is death to plumerias unless the plumeria is established and above 4 feet tall. Those plumeria can stay outside year round if temperatures do not drop below 40 degrees. Smaller plumeria need to be protected from rain. Moving them close to the house or under an awning/patio would give the best result for winter survival. If it frosts in your area cover the plumeria with a frost cloth but be sure to prop the cover up using stakes so it does not rest on the plant.

Transplanting

All transplanting should be done in May using a cactus mix. Transplant when soil is dry so you get as much of the existing root ball in tact. B1 vitamin is not necessary for plumeria instead give it a light watering after transplanting. When transplanting, put your plant in a pot that is the next size up from the old pot. Do not jump to a huge pot this will cause it to rot in the winter. The first winter of a newly transplanted plumeria should be spent under a patio.

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