TAYLOR'S
LANDSCAPE SUPPLY & NURSERY

Tea Olive

Osmanthus fragrans

Plant care guide



SUN
Full sun to part shade

WATER
Moderate

MATURE SIZE
10–12 ft tall, about 8 ft wide

BLOOM TIME
Fall, scattered to spring

USDA ZONE
8–11 · fits 8b/9a

Planting

Best in fall. Dig 2–5× as wide as the root ball, no deeper; set it level or slightly high. Put it near a door or patio to enjoy the scent.

Watering

First weeks: water every 2–3 days when the top inches dry. **Established:** moderately drought tolerant; deep soak in long dry spells.

Soil & Mulch

Fertile, moist, well-drained, acidic soil. Wet soil invites root rot. 2–3 in. of mulch. Ask us about Taylor's soil and mulch.

Fertilizer

Light spring feeding with slow-release shrub food. Rich, organic soil does more for growth than extra fertilizer.

Pruning

Rarely needed. Prune before spring growth; hard cuts can skip blooms for years.

Lowcountry Tip

Can reach 20+ ft near the coast. Not salt-spray tolerant, so skip oceanfront spots. Scale? 2% horticultural oil.