

Chaparral Honeysuckle

Lonicera interrupta



General Information

- Edible but bitter fruits
- Sun Exposure: Full Sun, Part Shade
- Water needs: drought-tolerant to moderate
- Cold Tolerance:
- Days to harvest:
- Harvest season:

Planting Guide

- Build or set up support structures for the vining varieties before planting, so as not to disturb the soil or roots once the plant starts to grow
- Plant in spring or fall. Dig a hole only as deep as the root ball and 2 to 3 times as wide.
- Time of the year to plant: Spring
- Location: sunny spot with well-drained soil
- Initial watering: Requires consistent watering, keeping the soil evenly moist until the plant starts growing vigorously on its own
- Mulch: Place 2 inches of organic mulch around the base of the plant to reduce water evaporation from the soil

Care Guide

- Apply a layer of compost around the base of the plant each spring, followed by a 2-inch layer of mulch to retain moisture and control weeds.
- Irrigation: Once established, water only during summer droughts of two weeks or more, giving the plant at least 1 inch of water a week
- Pruning: Prune after flowering, removing old, weak and dead stems

- Fertilizer: does not require it, but you can encourage blooming with a spring application of a low-nitrogen fertilizer, such as 2-10-10, 0-10-10 or 15-25-10.

Sources:

- [The Care & Feeding of Honeysuckle](#)
- [Honeysuckles: Plant Care and Collection of Varieties](#)