

Jasmine

Planting

Season of Planting :

The ideal time for planting in North India is during July-August and from the end of January-February, while in South India planting is done any time between July-December.

Spacing :

TNAU, Coimbatore has recommended a planting distance of 1.5 x 1.5m for *J. auriculatum* and *J. sambac* and a spacing of 2.0 x 1.5m for *J. grandiflorum*.

Pit Digging :

The soil is well pulverized and weeds are removed before planting. Pits of 45 cm³ are prepared one month before planting and are exposed to sunlight. A few days before planting, pits are filled with FYM, fresh soil and coarse sand in the ratio of 2:1:1. Addition of BHC (10g/pit) to the soil in the pit helps to prevent the attack of termites. Pits are watered to settle the soil compost mixture.

Method of Planting :

Well-rooted, healthy and strong seedlings obtained from cutting/layering are planted in each pit. A hole is dug in the centre of the pit sufficient enough to accommodate the soil ball of the seedling. The soil ball is placed in the centre of the pit and the soil is firmly pressed around the seedlings. The plants are then immediately watered.