

## **Clematis in October-January**

If you want to plant a new clematis, it is still safe if you plant it around the first week in October. A new plant needs at least six weeks to get acclimated to its new home. The plant needs to get established before our first killing frost dates which are November 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> in Parker County. Killing frosts can and do occur before these dates, but it is a good indication. You can refer to Clematis in September for planting instructions on new clematis.

Nothing needed during these months. Just keep plants mulched and watered if there is not enough rainfall. Sometimes during the winter, the winds play havoc with the long vines, but with most varieties they will be pruned in the spring; however, if you have an evergreen variety, you may need to inspect the vine or vines periodically in case the vine needs to be secured to a trellis or support as evergreen clematis do not require pruning.