



Geraniums - How to Achieve Lush Blooming - Quick Checklist

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Factor	What to do	Why it boosts bloom
Light	Give 6 to 8 hours of bright light; south or west window; outdoor full sun with light noon shade in heat.	High light drives bud formation and compact growth.
Pot and soil	Use a snug pot with drainage; light, airy mix with perlite; repot only when roots circle.	Slight root crowding and fast drainage favor more flowers over leaves.
Watering	Water when top 2 to 3 cm are dry; soak through and drain; avoid saucer standing water.	Moderate cycles prevent root rot and encourage healthy bud set.
Feeding	Feed every 2 to 4 weeks in season; use balanced or bloom formula; flush plain water monthly.	Steady nutrients support continuous bloom without salt buildup.
Deadheading	Remove spent flower heads and yellowing leaves promptly.	Stops seed set and redirects energy to new buds.
Pinching/shape	Pinch tips in early spring; lightly trim leggy stems.	Creates branching and more flower trusses.
Temperature	Ideal 18 to 24 C day / 12 to 18 C night; avoid cold drafts.	Mild temps optimize bud initiation and color.
Airflow	Give space between plants; rotate weekly; avoid crowded corners.	Air reduces mildew and keeps foliage dry.
Overwintering	Cut back 1/3 to 1/2; keep bright cool spot; water lightly; resume feeding in spring.	Rest phase preserves plant energy for a strong bloom next season.
Pests/disease	Check weekly for aphids, whitefly, mites, botrytis; treat early with soap; remove soggy blooms.	Early control prevents bud drop and leaf loss.

Feeding schedule - quick guide

Early spring	Start feeding at half rate once new growth appears.
Late spring to mid-summer	Feed every 2 to 3 weeks. Alternate balanced 10-10-10 with bloom 5-10-10 or similar.
Late summer	Reduce to every 3 to 4 weeks; avoid heavy nitrogen.
Autumn/winter	Stop or feed very lightly if plants rest in cool bright conditions.

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