

Dipladenia Care Calendar and Overwintering Checklist

FitInFlow.space · Mandevilla sanderi (formerly Dipladenia sanderi). Based on RHS, Clemson, UF/IFAS, MSU and NC State Extension guidance. Updated October 2026.

1. Four-season care calendar

Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
☐ Prune or pinch tips for bushiness	☐ 6+ hours sun outdoors; shade from harsh afternoon sun	☐ Stop feeding as growth slows	☐ Water sparingly; keep barely damp
☐ Repot one size up if rootbound	☐ Water when the top inch is dry; daily in heat	☐ Inspect for pests under leaves	☐ No fertilizer
☐ Start feeding with new growth	☐ Feed regularly (follow label)	☐ Bring in before nights hit 50-60°F	☐ Brightest spot you have
☐ Move out after last frost; harden off	☐ Take softwood cuttings early summer	☐ Pick an overwintering method	☐ Some leaf drop is normal

2. Overwintering checklist

- ☐ Frost date looked up: _____ Bring-in date (2 weeks earlier): _____
- ☐ Checked under leaves and in leaf joints for mealybugs, scale, whitefly and spider mites
- ☐ Rinsed or treated pests (strong water spray or insecticidal soap); removed dead leaves
- ☐ Method chosen: ☐ Houseplant (bright spot, nights 60-65°F) ☐ Dormant (cut to 8-12 in, cool frost-free place)
- ☐ Reminder set to check soil every 3-4 weeks if dormant ☐ No fertilizer until spring growth

3. Problem finder

Problem	Likely cause	Fix
Few or no flowers	Too little sun, cool temps, oversized pot	More sun, warmth, snug pot
Leaves dropping	Cold, low light, or dormancy	Brighter, warmer spot; check for dormancy
Yellow leaves	Over- or underwatering	Test soil 1-2 in deep before watering
Speckled, bleached leaves	Spider mites	Raise humidity, rinse, insecticidal soap
Cottony clumps, sticky leaves	Mealybugs, scale, aphids	Wipe off, insecticidal soap
Brown leaf spots	Anthrachnose (fungus)	Remove leaves; water soil, not foliage

4. Sap and pet safety

Milky sap can irritate skin and may be harmful if swallowed. Wear gloves to prune; keep away from eyes; wash hands after. Keep out of reach of pets and small children. Swallowed by a person: Poison Help 1-800-222-1222 (US). Pet: your vet or ASPCA Animal Poison Control (888) 426-4435.

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