



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

SAVIN JUNIPER CARE

LIGHT

Savin juniper (*Juniperus sabina*), including Buffalo, Calgary Carpet, and Blue Forest, prefers full sun and a site with air circulation. These selections generally form broad, low shrubs, although their textures and heights differ. Allow space for the cultivar's mature width rather than crowding it into a narrow foundation strip.

WATER

Water slowly through the root ball and surrounding soil after planting. Check moisture regularly and water deeply when needed during establishment, allowing excess water to drain. A new root ball must not repeatedly dry out. Avoid frequent shallow sprinkling or keeping roots constantly saturated.

SOIL & PLANTING

Use well-drained soil with the root flare at or slightly above ground level. Keep any graft above soil. Mulch lightly without covering stems or low branches. Protect roots from compaction and digging, and allow room for the cultivar's mature spread rather than planting too tightly.

FEEDING

Use a soil test to guide fertilizer and pH changes. Healthy junipers often need little feeding. If nutrients are needed, apply a modest spring dose at the fertilizer label rate. Avoid heavy nitrogen and late-season feeding; check drainage or root stress before treating browning as deficiency.

SEASONAL CARE

Preserve the natural shape and prune sparingly. Remove damaged or rubbing growth selectively. If shaping is needed, shorten shoots to a live, leafy side branch; bare interior wood may not refill. Avoid topping upright trees or shearing spreading plants into dense outer shells.

HELPFUL TIPS

Established savin junipers tolerate relatively dry conditions, but need drainage and establishment watering. Cultivars differ in foliage tone and branching, so compare symptoms with the expected plant before treating. Wear gloves when handling prickly or irritating foliage. Unusual tip dieback or expanding bare patches should be checked for root, moisture, or pest problems.