KALM HYPERICUM CARE

LIGHT

Kalm-type St. John's wort selections, including Blues Festival, Gemo, and Sunny Boulevard, do best in a sunny position. Use full sun for the strongest flower display, especially for Sunny Boulevard. Leave enough space for their naturally compact, rounded branching habit.

WATER

Water slowly after planting to wet the whole root ball and nearby soil. Keep the roots evenly moist during establishment, checking beneath the mulch before watering again. Once established, soak during prolonged dry weather rather than watering lightly every day. Avoid soil that stays saturated.

SOIL & PLANTING

Use moist, well-drained garden soil and set the root ball at its original nursery level. Leave room for the cultivar's mature spread and good air movement. Apply a light mulch layer over the root zone, keeping mulch clear of the stem bases.

FEEDING

Avoid heavy feeding of a healthy plant. If growth remains weak after moisture and drainage have been checked, use a soil test to guide feeding. Apply any needed shrub fertilizer in spring at the label rate, and water it into the soil.

SEASONAL CARE

Little routine pruning is required. Remove dead or damaged stems selectively. If light shaping is necessary, wait until the flowers have faded to preserve flowering wood. Avoid blanket hard cutting to the ground and repeated summer shearing. Older, crowded stems can be thinned periodically once plants are established.

HELPFUL TIPS

Blues Festival has naturally blue-green foliage; yellow flowers are expected across this group. Established plants tolerate some drought, while new root balls still need regular checks. Cobalt-n-Gold has its own cultivar-specific pruning guide, and berry-producing or variegated Hypericum types are also kept separate.