



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

BORDER ANEMONE CARE

LIGHT

Japanese anemones and related border hybrids grow in sun to partial shade. Give them afternoon shade where summer heat is intense and shelter from drying winds. Tall Honorine Jobert and compact Fantasy or Curtain Call selections need different spacing; follow the cultivar label.

WATER

Keep the root zone moderately and consistently moist, especially while plants establish and form flower buds. Water deeply during dry spells rather than waiting for repeated wilting. Avoid both drought and stagnant, waterlogged soil. Plants beneath trees may need extra attention because tree roots compete for moisture.

SOIL & PLANTING

Plant at nursery depth in humus-rich, moisture-retentive but well-drained soil. Keep the crown clear of heavy mulch and leave room for roots to spread. In Maine, spring planting gives young plants a full growing season to establish. Check cultivar hardiness before choosing an exposed site.

FEEDING

Use compost or a modest spring feeding if soil is poor, following fertilizer directions. Avoid repeated high-nitrogen feeding, which can encourage weak growth. A light mulch between plants helps conserve moisture; do not pile compost or mulch over the crown.

SEASONAL CARE

Remove finished flowering stems for tidiness, or retain attractive seed heads. Keep healthy foliage until it declines and tidy dead growth in spring. Avoid frequently disturbing a newly planted clump. Once established, lift unwanted rooted shoots to control spread and divide only when needed.

HELPFUL TIPS

Bloom time varies: many Japanese types flower late, while Swan hybrids can begin earlier. Hardiness and spreading vigor also vary; do not assume all selections behave alike. Watch for slugs, mildew and leaf damage. Wear gloves when handling sap. Other anemone species have separate guides.