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Estabrook's

ICELAND POPPY CARE

LIGHT

Iceland poppies (*Papaver nudicaule*) prefer a sunny, open position and cool growing conditions. Their papery flowers rise on slender stems above low foliage. Champagne Bubbles, Spring Fever and Garden Gnome selections suit spring borders and containers. Protect the delicate flowers from strong winds.

WATER

Keep roots moderately moist during establishment and flowering, watering deeply when needed and letting excess water drain. Avoid repeated wilting or constantly wet crowns. Check containers regularly during warm weather. Heat can shorten the display; extra water will not correct a root zone that is already wet.

SOIL & PLANTING

Plant at nursery depth in fertile, well-drained soil. Keep the low rosette clear of heavy mulch and avoid disturbing the roots unnecessarily. Use a container with drainage holes and leave enough space for airflow. Avoid compacted ground that holds water around the crown.

FEEDING

In poor soil, use a modest balanced feeding according to the label. Containers may benefit from occasional light feeding during active growth. Avoid repeated heavy nitrogen applications. Check light, temperature, watering and drainage before assuming that reduced flowering means the plant needs more fertilizer.

SEASONAL CARE

Remove faded flowers regularly to encourage further bloom rather than seed production. Retain healthy basal leaves while green. Remove dead or diseased growth promptly. Allow a few seed heads to mature only if seedlings are wanted, recognizing that seedlings may differ from a named selection.

HELPFUL TIPS

Iceland poppies are short-lived and often grown as annuals or biennials; do not expect the same long-term behavior as Oriental poppies. Renew from suitable seedlings or new plants when needed. Watch for aphids, mildew and wilts. Check the series label for local hardiness and wear gloves when handling sap.