



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

WEEPING ALASKA CEDAR CARE

LIGHT

Weeping Alaska cedar, often labeled *Chamaecyparis nootkatensis* 'Pendula', grows well in sun or light shade. Choose an open position where the hanging branches can be seen and develop freely. Allow for a large specimen tree rather than treating it as a dwarf evergreen.

WATER

Keep the root zone evenly moist during establishment. Water deeply when the original root ball starts to dry, allowing excess water to drain away. Dry soil can increase cold-weather stress. Check moisture in autumn and during prolonged summer dry spells; rain may not soak a dense root ball.

SOIL & PLANTING

Plant in moisture-retaining but well-drained soil. Keep the root flare at the soil surface and spread mulch over the roots without touching the trunk. Allow generous space from foundations, wires, and paths. The eventual size depends on the selection, site, and years of growth.

FEEDING

Use a soil test before adding fertilizer to a poorly growing tree. Newly planted roots benefit more from careful watering than strong feeding. Do not apply extra nitrogen to compensate for drought, damaged roots, or an unsuitable site. Follow label directions for any recommended nutrient application.

SEASONAL CARE

Keep the main leader and natural weeping framework. Remove broken, rubbing, or dead branches as needed, making clean cuts without leaving stubs. Avoid topping or repeated shearing. If light shaping is necessary, retain live foliage on shortened branches rather than cutting into bare wood.

HELPFUL TIPS

Drooping branches are the intended habit, not a sign that the tree needs staking upright throughout its crown. Use temporary trunk support only if the root ball is unstable. Labels may also use *Callitropsis* or *Xanthocyparis*; confirm the cultivar rather than relying on the genus alone.