



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

PURPLE LEAF SAND CHERRY

LIGHT

Plant *Prunus x cistena* in full sun for the strongest purple foliage and best flowering. Light shade is tolerated, but leaf color may be less intense. Provide room for the mature shrub.

WATER

Water deeply while establishing and during extended drought. Check soil before adding water. A thin mulch layer conserves moisture, but keep it away from the main stems and avoid saturated ground.

SOIL & PLANTING

Choose well-drained garden soil. Set the root flare at the original level and allow air movement around the branches. This deciduous ornamental shrub is separate from evergreen cherry laurel and low-growing sand cherry species.

FEEDING

Use a soil test before routine feeding. Modest fertility is usually sufficient. Avoid high-nitrogen lawn fertilizer near the root zone; more fertilizer will not correct disease-related dieback.

SEASONAL CARE

Prune lightly after spring flowering to maintain a balanced shrub. Remove dead, damaged and rubbing wood with clean cuts. Renew selected old stems gradually rather than repeatedly shearing the outside into a dense shell.

HELPFUL TIPS

Inspect for Japanese beetles, borers, trunk cankers and declining branches. Keep bark uninjured and remove diseased debris. Persistent dieback needs diagnosis. This plant can be relatively short-lived, so plan for eventual replacement rather than aggressive rejuvenation of a severely declining shrub.