WARLEY BARRENWORT

LIGHT

Give Epimedium warleyense, including Ellen Willmott, partial or dappled shade. Shelter from cold, drying winds and hot exposed sun.

WATER

Water regularly while roots establish. Aim for moist but well-drained soil, and provide supplemental water during prolonged drought under competing tree roots.

SOIL & PLANTING

Choose humus-rich woodland soil. Plant at the nursery depth and leave space for spreading rhizomes to form groundcover. A light leaf-mold mulch helps keep roots cool.

FEEDING

Feed modestly. A thin organic topdressing supports garden plants; avoid burying rhizomes beneath heavy compost or mulch.

SEASONAL CARE

Ellen Willmott can keep healthy evergreen leaves, so routine complete cutting back is unnecessary. Remove winter-damaged leaves carefully before flower stems extend, preserving healthy foliage and emerging buds.

HELPFUL TIPS

Coppery-orange spring flowers and young red-tinted leaves distinguish this group. Check the variety tag for winter suitability at your Maine site. Keep this guide separate from red barrenwort and moisture-demanding specialist Epimedium selections whose foliage and maintenance may differ.