



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

GARDEN COLUMBINE

LIGHT

Choose partial sun or light shade, especially with protection from hot afternoon exposure. More sun is suitable where soil stays evenly moist. Biedermeier and Earlybird hybrids work well near the front of a spring border.

WATER

Keep the root zone moderately moist during establishment and flowering. Water at the base when soil begins to dry. Avoid prolonged drought, but do not leave roots in saturated ground.

SOIL & PLANTING

Plant at the original crown level in well-drained garden soil with some organic matter. Follow the variety tag for spacing and height; compact hybrids differ from taller columbines.

FEEDING

A modest spring compost layer is usually enough in a garden bed. Use additional fertilizer only if needed. Avoid heavy nitrogen feeding that produces lush foliage at the expense of a balanced plant.

SEASONAL CARE

Remove faded flower stems to reduce unwanted seeding, or retain a few for new seedlings. Leave healthy basal foliage after flowering. Columbines can be short-lived; allow suitable replacements rather than expecting every original plant to persist indefinitely.

HELPFUL TIPS

Seedlings may differ from the named parent. If foliage develops winding pale trails or is eaten, inspect for leaf miners or chewing insects before treatment. This guide covers garden hybrids; identify wild species separately before assigning their care.