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Estabrook's

SHRUBBY POTENTILLA CARE

LIGHT

Shrubby potentilla (*Dasiphora fruticosa*, formerly *Potentilla fruticosa*) flowers best in full sun. Light shade is tolerated, but can reduce bloom. This hardy shrub suits cool northern gardens. Use the cultivar label to plan its mature height and spread.

WATER

Water deeply after planting and check the root ball frequently through establishment. Once rooted into the surrounding soil, shrubs tolerate some drought. Water during extended dry spells rather than keeping soil constantly wet. Containers require closer moisture checks than plants in the ground.

SOIL & PLANTING

Choose well-drained soil and plant with the root ball surface level with surrounding ground. Avoid persistently soggy sites. Mulch lightly to reduce weeds and moisture loss, leaving stem bases uncovered. Allow room for the rounded, branching habit.

FEEDING

Feed modestly in spring only if needed, following a soil test and the fertilizer label. Excess feeding is unnecessary for established plants growing well. Yellow or sparse foliage can reflect moisture or drainage trouble, so check the root zone before adding fertilizer.

SEASONAL CARE

Summer flowers form on current growth. Prune in late winter or early spring, removing dead tips and selected aging canes. An occasional stronger renewal may help an old, open shrub. Avoid repeated severe trimming during the flowering season.

HELPFUL TIPS

Cultivars offer yellow, white, pink or warmer flower colors; some colors fade in heat. Watch for spider mites or leaf spots. This is a woody shrub guide: perennial potentillas, including *Potentilla verna*, need separate care.