GOLDEN HYPERICUM CARE

LIGHT

Golden St. John's wort (Hypericum frondosum), including Sunburst, grows in full sun to partial shade. A sunny position promotes flowering and a denser rounded habit. Give it room in a border or low hedge rather than relying on repeated clipping to keep it small.

WATER

Water slowly after planting to wet the whole root ball and nearby soil. Keep the roots evenly moist during establishment, checking beneath the mulch before watering again. Once established, soak during prolonged dry weather rather than watering lightly every day. Avoid soil that stays saturated.

SOIL & PLANTING

Use moist, well-drained garden soil and set the root ball at its original nursery level. Leave room for the cultivar's mature spread and good air movement. Apply a light mulch layer over the root zone, keeping mulch clear of the stem bases.

FEEDING

Avoid heavy feeding of a healthy plant. If growth remains weak after moisture and drainage have been checked, use a soil test to guide feeding. Apply any needed shrub fertilizer in spring at the label rate, and water it into the soil.

SEASONAL CARE

Flowers form on new growth. If pruning is needed, do it in spring: remove winter-damaged wood and selectively shorten awkward branches. Preserve the natural mound instead of shearing it repeatedly through the flowering season. Routine hard cutting is unnecessary for a well-placed, healthy shrub.

HELPFUL TIPS

Yellow flowers with prominent stamens and blue-green foliage are normal features. Established plants tolerate drought better than newly planted ones. Check cultivar hardiness for your location, and expect leaf retention to vary with winter conditions. This ornamental shrub has different care from herbaceous Hypericum perforatum.