



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

JAPANESE STONECROP CARE

LIGHT

Japanese stonecrop (*Sedum makinoi*), including golden Ogon, forms a low mat of small rounded leaves. Grow in sun to partial shade, with light afternoon shade in hot sites. Protect delicate foliage from sudden exposure to strong sun. This species differs from upright border sedums.

WATERING

Water new plants while roots establish. Check the soil thereafter, watering when it begins drying rather than on a fixed schedule. Plants in containers dry faster than those in the ground. During heat, some shade and timely watering help prevent stress, but continually soggy soil can rot roots.

SOIL & PLANTING

Use freely draining soil or a coarse container mix. Set the root ball at its original level and keep leafy stems above the soil surface. Choose a pot with drainage holes and empty standing water. Do not smother the shallow mat with heavy organic mulch.

FERTILIZING

Only modest fertility is needed. Avoid heavy nitrogen feeding that encourages soft growth. Use a labeled succulent or general garden fertilizer sparingly if poor soil or a container mix requires supplementation. Check light, drainage and moisture before assuming weak growth needs more nutrients.

FLOWERS & TRIMMING

Small yellow flowers may appear in summer. Clip spent stalks or damaged shoots without removing the healthy mat. Rooted stem sections can be separated gently to fill gaps and should be watered while establishing. Leaves and stems break readily, so handle carefully when planting or cleaning up.

SEASONAL CARE

Cold tolerance varies among selections and sources; confirm the grower's hardiness label for your site. A container is more exposed to freezing than a garden bed. Protect from severe cold if needed and prevent winter saturation. Remove dead material in spring while preserving living stems and new growth.