COBALT N GOLD HYPERICUM CARE

LIGHT

Cobalt-n-Gold St. John's wort (Hypericum kalmianum PIIHYP-I) thrives in full sun. Give this mounded shrub room to grow wider than it is tall. The breeder lists a mature height of two to three feet and a spread of four to five feet.

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

The breeder recommends early-spring pruning when shaping is needed. Remove dead or damaged wood first, then shorten selected awkward branches rather than repeatedly clipping the whole mound. Avoid cutting through the late-spring and early-summer flower display. A correctly spaced plant needs less corrective pruning.

HELPFUL TIPS

Fine blue-silver leaves and sunny yellow flowers are normal features of this cultivar. Do not try to correct healthy foliage color with extra fertilizer. Check its mature width before using it near a path. Follow this cultivar's instructions rather than automatically applying another Hypericum selection's pruning schedule.