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Estabrook's

EVERGREEN CANDYTUFT CARE

LIGHT

Evergreen candytuft (*Iberis sempervirens*) flowers best in full sun, although light shade is tolerated. Give Alexander's White and Snowsurfer room for a low, spreading mound. Avoid crowding the foliage under taller perennials that shade the plant and hold moisture around its woody base.

WATER

Water deeply during establishment and when the root zone becomes dry, allowing drainage afterward. Established plants tolerate some drying. Avoid continuously damp crowns, particularly through cool autumn and winter weather. Check drainage if a plant collapses rather than automatically increasing the water supply.

SOIL & PLANTING

Use well-drained soil, generally near neutral to alkaline, and plant at the nursery crown level. Test soil before adding lime. Keep heavy mulch away from the low stems. A raised or sloping planting area can help where the surrounding garden remains too wet for a small woody mound.

FEEDING

Feed modestly if soil fertility or growth indicates a need. Excess nitrogen can encourage leafy growth without improving the spring display. Check sunlight and root health before fertilizing a thin plant. Follow soil-test guidance and keep granular fertilizer off the leaves and exposed crown.

SEASONAL CARE

After the main spring flowering display, lightly shorten the leafy growth to keep a compact outline. Do not cut severely into a bare, old woody center. Remove damaged material as fresh growth appears. Evergreen foliage may look worn after a Maine winter without the whole plant necessarily being dead.

HELPFUL TIPS

This guide covers identified sempervirens-type spring candytuft. Mermaid Lavender is a longer-flowering hybrid with its own guide. Annual candytuft seed strains also have a different lifespan. Check the botanical and cultivar label before assuming that all plants sold as candytuft follow the same seasonal routine.