LINDEN VIBURNUM CARE

LIGHT

Linden viburnum (Viburnum dilatatum), including Cardinal Candy, grows in sun to partial shade. Good light supports flowering, but this shrub also needs careful control of its spread. Keep it in a maintained garden setting rather than placing it along an unmanaged woodland edge.

WATER

Water the original root ball and nearby soil deeply when they begin to dry. New shrubs need regular checks during the first seasons, even when established plants tolerate some drought. Continue checking during dry autumn weather. Avoid frequent shallow sprinkling and prolonged waterlogging.

SOIL & PLANTING

Use average, moist, well-drained soil and keep the root flare at the surface. Leave space for the cultivar's mature size and access for maintenance. Mulch the roots lightly without burying the stems. Do not move suckers or garden waste containing viable plant material into natural areas.

FEEDING

Base feeding on a soil test and the shrub's vigor. Heavy nitrogen can produce leafy growth without improving flowering or fruit set. Check moisture, drainage, and root competition before increasing fertilizer. Keep any recommended fertilizer off the trunk and follow the product's labeled rate.

SEASONAL CARE

Prune selectively after flowering if needed, removing damaged or crowded stems. Check for suckers and seedlings beyond the intended planting. Remove unwanted plants while they are small. Where preventing seed dispersal is a priority, remove flower or fruit clusters before ripe berries are taken by birds.

HELPFUL TIPS

Linden viburnum is on Maine's invasive-plant watch list and can form dense growth that competes with native plants. Monitor it beyond the garden boundary and consider a native alternative when replacing an existing shrub. Its instructions are kept separate from native arrowwood and witherod; similar common names do not make the species interchangeable.