TRICOLOR HYPERICUM CARE

LIGHT

Tricolor St. John's wort (Hypericum x moserianum Tricolor) grows in sun to partial shade. Choose a sheltered position away from cold, drying winds. This is a low, spreading variegated shrub, so allow space around it rather than treating it as a tall upright hedge.

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

Inspect in spring and selectively remove winter-killed or damaged shoots once living buds can be recognized. Light shaping is enough for a healthy plant. Avoid repeated summer shearing that removes flowers and colorful foliage. Check the plant's hardiness before choosing an exposed or especially cold site.

HELPFUL TIPS

Pink, cream, and green leaves are its normal variegation, with red young stems and yellow summer flowers. Leaf retention and stem survival vary with winter conditions. The fruit is ornamental, not edible. Keep this cultivar separate from green-leaved shrubby and berry-producing Hypericum types when following care instructions.