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Estabrook's

MEYER SPRUCE CARE

LIGHT

Meyer spruce is a blue-green evergreen from northern China that becomes a substantial tree. Give it full sun and an open site with room for the mature canopy and roots. Avoid crowding it into a small foundation bed simply because the nursery plant is compact when purchased.

WATER

Water slowly through the root ball and surrounding soil after planting. Check moisture regularly and water deeply when needed, keeping roots evenly moist during establishment. Adjust for rain and drainage rather than watering by the calendar. Direct irrigation to the soil, avoiding routine overhead watering that leaves needles wet.

SOIL & PLANTING

Plant in moist, well-drained soil with the root flare at or slightly above ground level. Keep any graft union above the soil. Mulch the root zone lightly without touching the trunk, and protect shallow roots from digging, compaction, lawn equipment, and added soil. Allow for the cultivar's mature spread.

FEEDING

Use a soil test to guide fertilizer and pH changes. Healthy spruces may need no routine feeding. If nutrients are needed, use a modest spring application of tree fertilizer at the label rate. Keep fertilizer off stems, avoid heavy nitrogen, and do not try to cure browning by feeding automatically.

SEASONAL CARE

Preserve the natural form and prune sparingly. Remove damaged or rubbing branches selectively; if light shaping is needed, shorten new growth to a live bud or side shoot. Do not cut back into bare old wood or top the tree. Maintain the intended leader and check support ties on trained weeping forms.

HELPFUL TIPS

Blue-green needles are characteristic and do not make this Colorado blue spruce. Retain the natural pyramidal outline instead of topping to control height. Some older interior needles are shed normally, but expanding bare patches or tip dieback should be investigated. Check soil moisture, drainage, and roots before adding fertilizer or selecting a spray.