



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

LYRELEAF SAGE CARE

LIGHT

Lyreleaf sage (*Salvia lyrata*), including Purple Knockout, forms a low rosette with upright seasonal flower stalks. Grow in full sun to partial shade. It is useful as a low edging or naturalized groundcover and has a different habit from the familiar clumping, spike-flowered border sages.

WATERING

Water young plants while they establish. Thereafter, provide water during extended dry spells as needed, checking the soil rather than using a rigid schedule. Established plants tolerate some drought. Aim for moderate moisture with drainage, and avoid leaving container plants standing in water.

SOIL & PLANTING

Use poor-to-average, well-drained soil and set the rosette at its original nursery level. Do not bury the growing center. Space according to the label and allow for seedlings if you want a naturalized patch. Loose sandy soil can encourage particularly abundant self-seeding.

FERTILIZING

Heavy fertilizer is unnecessary for a plant adapted to ordinary or lean soil. If poor performance suggests a deficiency, check moisture, drainage and root competition first. Use a soil test before adding nutrients and follow product label rates. Keep concentrated fertilizer away from the rosette.

FLOWERS & SEEDLINGS

Trim spent flower stalks before seeds mature if you want to limit spread, leaving the healthy basal leaves intact. Alternatively, retain selected stalks for seed and wildlife. Inspect nearby soil for young rosettes and remove extras early; this species can spread readily through self-seeding.

SEASONAL CARE

Retain sound low foliage and remove individual dead or damaged leaves as needed. Keep heavy leaf piles from smothering the rosette. When tidying, distinguish established plants from unwanted seedlings rather than shearing away the whole patch. Monitor spreading edges in small beds and preserve space around neighboring plants.