



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

WILD GERANIUM CARE

LIGHT

Wild geranium (*Geranium maculatum*) is a woodland perennial native to eastern North America. Give it partial shade or filtered light. It can grow in more sun with dependable moisture. Named selections such as Espresso, Crane Dance and Dark Roast share its woodland character.

WATER

Water regularly after planting and during dry spells while roots establish. Moist to moderately dry conditions are tolerated, but prolonged heat and drought can cause leaves to yellow or die back. Plants in full sun need more consistent moisture than those in partial shade.

SOIL & PLANTING

Provide well-drained, organic-rich garden soil and plant at the depth grown in the pot. A light leaf mulch helps conserve moisture without burying the crown. Avoid standing water. Allow room for mature clumps and occasional seedlings in a naturalistic woodland planting.

FEEDING

A little compost is generally sufficient in reasonable soil. Feed lightly only if a soil test or weak growth indicates a need. Avoid repeatedly fertilizing dormant or heat-stressed plants. Check light, drainage and moisture before assuming pale leaves require more fertilizer.

SEASONAL CARE

Enjoy the spring to early-summer flowers, then retain healthy foliage. Lightly trim tired leaves after bloom to tidy the plant; fresh foliage may follow when conditions improve. Remove fully dead leaves as needed. Divide established clumps in early spring or fall when necessary.

HELPFUL TIPS

Summer leaf decline can be seasonal, especially in hot, dry weather; do not assume the crown has died. Seedlings may differ from named cultivars, so remove unwanted seed heads if desired. Watch for slugs, snails, rust and leaf spots. This plant is a hardy cranesbill, distinct from tender bedding geraniums.