



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

CUTLEAF STEPHANANDRA CARE

LIGHT

Cutleaf stephanandra (*Stephanandra incisa*, also listed as *Neillia incisa*) grows in sun or partial shade. Sun encourages flowering, while light woodland conditions are also suitable. Choose a site protected from harsh winds and allow room for its broad, arching branches.

WATER

Water deeply after planting and keep the root zone evenly moist as roots establish. Check under the mulch rather than judging by the surface alone. During dry spells, soak the root area slowly; frequent light sprinkling is less useful than thorough watering.

SOIL & PLANTING

Use moist, organically rich, well-drained soil. Set the plant at its original depth and spread mulch around it without piling mulch against stems. Crispa is a low, spreading groundcover selection, so allow for width rather than treating it as a narrow upright shrub.

FEEDING

Feed only when growth or a soil test indicates a need. A modest spring application of shrub fertilizer is sufficient if feeding is needed. Follow label rates, water afterward, and avoid repeated high-nitrogen applications that encourage unnecessary soft growth.

SEASONAL CARE

Little pruning is usually needed because the branches form a naturally uniform mound. Remove dead or damaged wood selectively and shorten a stray branch only when it obstructs a path. Preserve the draping shape rather than clipping the whole plant into a formal ball.

HELPFUL TIPS

Stems can root where they touch the ground, and basal shoots can expand the planting. Check edges and remove unwanted rooted shoots while small. Its fine foliage and autumn color are useful features even when the small early-summer flowers are unobtrusive.