



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

SPANISH MOSS CARE

LIGHT

Living Spanish moss (*Tillandsia usneoides*) needs bright, filtered light and good airflow. Hang it where light reaches more than the outside of a dense bundle. Protect it from harsh sun through glass. In Maine it is a houseplant or a warm-season outdoor display, not a winter-hardy garden moss.

WATER

Wet living strands thoroughly by rinsing or misting as needed, then let them drain and dry between waterings. Dry indoor air can require frequent checks. Do not leave a tightly packed bundle continually wet inside. Spread strands loosely so water and air can reach the interior.

SOIL & PLANTING

Spanish moss does not need potting soil and has no ordinary root ball to water. Drape it over an open support rather than stuffing it into a pot. Keep living strands clear of damp substrate. Use a hanger that can safely support the material when it is wet.

FEEDING

Feed lightly during active growth with a fertilizer suitable for bromeliads or air plants at the labeled dilution. Avoid strong solutions and allow the strands to drain after feeding. Browning from poor light, trapped moisture, or dry air will not be corrected by extra fertilizer.

SEASONAL CARE

Keep the plant frost-free and away from cold drafts or drying heat vents. Separate very dense material to maintain airflow, and trim dead strands for a tidy appearance. Return a summer outdoor display inside before cool autumn weather. Living pieces can be divided without needing a rooting pot.

HELPFUL TIPS

This guide is for living gray-green Spanish moss, not preserved or dried florist moss. Decorative moss may not recover when watered. Confirm which product you have before soaking a display, and protect surrounding surfaces from drips. Flexible, living strands need moisture and light rather than soil or a sealed container.