RED BARRENWORT

LIGHT

Plant Epimedium x rubrum, including Galadriel, in partial to full shade. It makes a low groundcover beneath trees and along shaded borders.

WATER

Water regularly during establishment. Mature clumps tolerate periods of dry shade, but occasional deep watering helps during prolonged drought.

SOIL & PLANTING

Use well-drained soil enriched with organic matter. Plant at the existing crown depth and allow room for rhizomes to spread. Avoid waterlogged pockets.

FEEDING

A light leaf-mold or compost topdressing is generally sufficient. Use a soil test before adding fertilizer; keep mulch from smothering the growing points.

SEASONAL CARE

Remove old or damaged foliage in late winter or early spring, before flower stems and fresh leaves emerge. Work carefully around buds. Divide established clumps when expansion or crowding warrants it.

HELPFUL TIPS

Red-and-cream spring flowers and heart-shaped leaves suit woodland gardens. Drought tolerance develops after establishment, not immediately after planting. This guide is for identified x rubrum selections; evergreen Warley barrenwort and other Epimedium types remain separate.