



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

GOLDEN CURLS WILLOW CARE

LIGHT

Golden Curls is a contorted willow grown for twisted orange-yellow shoots and curled leaves. Give it full sun and room to develop as a small tree or large shrub. Site away from drains, structures, and paving, and check cold hardiness for your Maine exposure before permanent planting.

WATER

Water slowly through the root ball and surrounding soil after planting. Check moisture regularly and water deeply when needed, keeping roots consistently moist during establishment. Adjust for rain, weather, and soil conditions rather than a fixed daily schedule. A new root ball can dry out even beside damp ground.

SOIL & PLANTING

Plant with the root flare at or slightly above the surrounding ground level. Keep any graft union above soil. Mulch lightly across the root zone without touching stems. Protect roots from compaction, lawn equipment, and repeated digging. Leave room for the plant's mature spread rather than relying on repeated hard cutting.

FEEDING

Use a soil test to guide fertilizer and pH changes. Healthy willows may need little feeding. If nutrients are needed, apply a modest spring dose of tree or shrub fertilizer at the label rate. Avoid heavy nitrogen and late-season feeding; fertilizer cannot correct poor siting or damaged roots.

SEASONAL CARE

Decide whether to retain a natural tree or maintain a managed shrub for young stems. For a tree, prune selectively to remove damage or rubbing growth. On established shrub-form plants, planned spring renewal can encourage colorful shoots. Avoid severe cutting below a graft or casually topping a mature tree.

HELPFUL TIPS

Twisted branches, curled leaves, and orange-yellow young stems are intended features, not symptoms of herbicide damage by themselves. Provide moist soil and monitor for cankers, rust, or dieback. Do not assume that a smaller ornamental willow has a tiny root system or can be kept indefinitely beside infrastructure.