WHITE BIRCHLEAF SPIREA CARE

LIGHT

White-flowering birchleaf spirea (Spiraea betulifolia), including Tor and Glow Girl, grows in full sun to part sun. Sun encourages abundant flowers and stronger foliage color. Some afternoon shade is helpful in hotter locations. Avoid a deeply shaded, crowded position.

WATER

Water deeply after planting and keep the root ball and surrounding soil evenly moist during establishment. Check below the mulch before watering again. Established plants need less frequent attention, but a prolonged dry spell calls for a slow soaking at the base.

SOIL & PLANTING

Use ordinary, well-drained garden soil. Set the root ball at its original nursery level and leave room for the cultivar's mature width. Spread a light layer of mulch over the roots, leaving a clear gap around the stem bases.

FEEDING

Avoid heavy feeding when growth is already healthy. If a soil test or persistent weak growth indicates a need, apply a modest spring dose of shrub fertilizer at the label rate. Check moisture and drainage before assuming that more fertilizer is the answer.

SEASONAL CARE

Keep the natural rounded shape; regular shearing is not required. To preserve the spring flower display, do light shaping immediately after flowering. Remove dead or damaged stems selectively. Avoid cutting the whole plant back in winter or early spring if retaining the flower buds is the priority.

HELPFUL TIPS

Glow Girl has golden foliage, while Tor is green-leaved; seasonal color changes are normal. Water young shrubs even though established plants tolerate some drought. Pink Sparkler is a reblooming birchleaf selection with separate pruning guidance and is not covered by this guide.