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Estabrook's

STRAWBERRY FOXGLOVE CARE

LIGHT

Strawberry foxglove (*Digitalis x mertonensis*) suits partial shade or a lightly shaded woodland margin. Its tall spikes carry muted pink, tubular flowers above a basal rosette. Give it enough space and light for sturdy growth, and protect the flower stems from strong winds.

WATER

Maintain moderate, reliable moisture while plants establish and flower. Water deeply during dry periods, especially in summer, and allow excess water to drain. Avoid repeated drought stress or stagnant wet soil around the crown. Check pots regularly during warm or windy weather.

SOIL & PLANTING

Plant at nursery depth in humus-rich, well-drained soil. Prepare the wider planting area with organic matter if needed. Keep the central rosette free of heavy mulch and fallen leaves. Allow air to circulate between plants rather than crowding the clump with dense groundcovers.

FEEDING

Use compost or a modest spring feeding if the soil is poor, following label directions. Avoid rich, repeated feeding that promotes weak growth. Check moisture and root conditions before treating yellow leaves as a nutrient problem. Do not fertilize a waterlogged or dormant plant to force growth.

SEASONAL CARE

Cut the first finished flower spike back toward healthy growth to encourage possible side shoots. After flowering ends, remove spent stalks while retaining healthy basal leaves. Support tall stems when needed. This hybrid is short-lived, so plan to replace declining plants rather than expecting permanent clumps.

HELPFUL TIPS

Do not rely on self-sown seedlings to maintain this hybrid; obtain correctly identified replacement plants when needed. All foxglove parts are highly toxic if eaten. Wear gloves and keep plants away from children and pets that may chew them. Watch for slugs, aphids and leaf spots.