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**Estabrook's**

# ARROWWOOD VIBURNUM CARE

## **LIGHT**

Arrowwood viburnum (*Viburnum dentatum*) grows in sun to partial shade. Good sunlight generally improves the flower and fruit display. Blue Muffin and Chicago Lustre differ in size and shape, so allow room for the named cultivar rather than relying on repeated shearing.

## **WATER**

Water the original root ball and nearby soil deeply when they begin to dry. New shrubs need regular checks during the first seasons, even when established plants tolerate some drought. Continue checking during dry autumn weather. Avoid frequent shallow sprinkling and prolonged waterlogging.

## **SOIL & PLANTING**

Plant in moist, well-drained soil at the nursery root-flare level. Arrowwood tolerates varied soils and occasional wet or dry periods after establishment. Keep mulch away from the stems. It may sucker with age; choose a site where a broader clump is acceptable or remove unwanted shoots.

## **FEEDING**

Base feeding on a soil test and the shrub's vigor. Heavy nitrogen can produce leafy growth without improving flowering or fruit set. Check moisture, drainage, and root competition before increasing fertilizer. Keep any recommended fertilizer off the trunk and follow the product's labeled rate.

## **SEASONAL CARE**

Prune selectively just after flowering when shaping is necessary. Flowers form on older wood, so late-season shearing can remove next year's buds. Cutting flowering stems also reduces potential fruit. Check leaves during spring and summer for chewing or skeletonizing damage and identify the pest before choosing treatment.

## **HELPFUL TIPS**

Fruit set needs compatible, genetically different arrowwoods with overlapping bloom. Two plants of the same cloned cultivar may not solve poor fruiting. Ask about a suitable partner for Blue Muffin rather than choosing any viburnum at random. Viburnum leaf beetle can damage arrowwood foliage.