CABBAGE PALM CORDYLINE CARE

LIGHT

Cordyline australis selections such as Red Star and Torbay Dazzler grow in sun to partial shade. Acclimate indoor or greenhouse plants gradually before giving them strong outdoor sun. Keep foliage away from a hot wall or a windy corner that dries containers rapidly.

WATER

During active summer growth, water thoroughly when the surface begins to dry. Empty collected water and keep drainage holes open. Indoors in winter, reduce watering as growth slows, but do not let the entire root ball become dust-dry. Check moisture before watering on a schedule.

SOIL & PLANTING

Use a substantial container with drainage and a well-drained potting mix. Set the plant at its original depth. Choose a stable pot to support the tall foliage and developing trunk. In mixed containers, allow enough root space and avoid companions that require constantly saturated soil.

FEEDING

Container plants may be fed during active growth at the product's labeled rate. Reduce or stop feeding during cool, low-light winter conditions. Do not fertilize a severely dry plant or try to correct root rot with nutrients. Flush accumulated salts with a thorough watering when appropriate.

SEASONAL CARE

In Maine, treat this as a seasonal container plant or overwinter it indoors. Bring it into a bright, frost-free place before freezing weather. Remove dead lower leaves carefully and inspect for indoor pests. Return outdoors gradually after frost danger has passed and temperatures are suitable.

HELPFUL TIPS

The common name cabbage palm does not make this a cold-hardy landscape palm. Keep it separate from Hawaiian Ti plant care and from hardy ornamental grasses. Watch for spider mites, scale, and mealybugs indoors. Keep the plant out of reach of pets that chew foliage.