



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

BURKWOOD DAPHNE CARE

LIGHT

Burkwood daphne (*Daphne x burkwoodii*), including Carol Mackie, grows in sun to partial shade. Protect it from hot afternoon exposure and cold winds. Choose the site carefully: these slow-establishing shrubs resent being moved once their roots are settled.

WATER

Water thoroughly at planting and check the root ball during establishment. Maintain moderate moisture while allowing excess water to drain promptly. Avoid both repeated drying and saturated roots. Leaf drop in a dry spell does not automatically mean the plant needs fertilizer.

SOIL & PLANTING

Plant at nursery depth in well-drained garden soil. Excellent drainage is essential to reduce root-rot risk. Mulch around the roots without burying the crown or stem bases. Leave roots undisturbed and avoid cultivating closely around an established shrub.

FEEDING

Avoid heavy feeding, which encourages soft growth vulnerable to damage. If needed, use a modest spring shrub fertilizer following soil-test guidance and label rates. Check water stress and root conditions before adding nutrients. Do not automatically apply acidifying products used for neighboring heath shrubs.

SEASONAL CARE

Keep pruning selective and time shaping after bloom. Remove damaged stems carefully because bark can tear. Mature Carol Mackie may benefit from limited removal of older growth to maintain structure. Avoid treating every daphne species to the same hard-pruning routine.

HELPFUL TIPS

Heavy snow can split branches, particularly on Carol Mackie. Winter leaf loss and delayed spring leafing can be normal in cold climates. Remove fully green reversion on variegated plants. Plant parts and berries are poisonous; wear gloves when handling. Other daphne species need separate care.