



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

COMMON FOXGLOVE CARE

LIGHT

Common foxgloves (*Digitalis purpurea*), including Camelot, Dalmatian and Hanabee selections, suit partial or dappled shade. They also grow in sun where moisture is reliable. Choose an open border or woodland edge, with room for tall flower spikes and air around the basal leaves.

WATER

Keep the root zone moderately moist while plants establish and flower. Water deeply during dry weather and let excess water drain. Avoid repeated wilting and continuously wet crowns. Morning watering at soil level helps prevent the rosette from remaining wet overnight.

SOIL & PLANTING

Plant at nursery depth in humus-rich, well-drained soil. Keep the central rosette clear of heavy mulch and fallen leaves. Use cultivar spacing from the label. If seedlings are wanted, leave some suitable open soil nearby rather than covering every surface with thick mulch.

FEEDING

Use compost or a modest spring feeding if soil is poor, following label directions. Avoid excessive nitrogen, which can encourage weak stems. Container plants may need occasional feeding during active growth. Check drainage and moisture before adding fertilizer to a yellowing plant.

SEASONAL CARE

Support tall stems if necessary. Remove the main faded spike for possible smaller side flowers, or leave selected spikes to set seed. Retain healthy basal foliage. Most common foxgloves are biennial or short-lived; modern series may flower in their first year. Renew from seedlings or new plants.

HELPFUL TIPS

All parts of foxgloves are highly toxic if eaten. Wear gloves and keep plant material away from children and pets that may chew it. Seedlings may differ from named parents. Watch for aphids, slugs and leaf spots. Yellow and strawberry foxgloves have separate guides.