DRUMSTICK PRIMROSE

LIGHT

Give Primula denticulata partial shade, especially from hot afternoon sun. Its rounded spring flower clusters rise above a low rosette of leaves.

WATER

Keep the root zone consistently moist. Check new plantings and containers often during dry weather; this primrose is poorly suited to a hot, dry border.

SOIL & PLANTING

Choose fertile, humus-rich soil that holds moisture. Plant at the nursery depth, leaving the rosette exposed. A cool, moist border or pond-side bed above deep water works well.

FEEDING

Use leaf mold or a light compost topdressing to maintain organic matter. If growth is weak, base additional fertilizer on a soil test; avoid heavy feeding.

SEASONAL CARE

Remove finished flower stalks if seed is unwanted. Divide crowded clumps after flowering. Clear damaged leaves without cutting away healthy foliage or burying the crown in mulch.

HELPFUL TIPS

Watch for slugs around emerging leaves. This guide covers drumstick primrose, not assorted florist or English primroses. Check the tag for winter suitability at your Maine site and protect container roots from severe exposure.