



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

HYBRID WITCH HAZEL CARE

LIGHT

Hybrid witch hazel (*Hamamelis x intermedia*), including Arnold Promise, Diane, and other named selections, grows in sun to partial shade. Give it an open position and enough room for its broad or upright mature shape. Avoid crowding branches against neighboring shrubs or walls.

WATER

Water slowly after planting to moisten the entire root ball and nearby soil. Keep young plants evenly moist while roots establish, checking beneath the mulch before watering again. During prolonged dry weather, provide a thorough soaking rather than frequent light sprinkling. Avoid prolonged saturation.

SOIL & PLANTING

Choose moist, fertile, acidic, well-drained soil. Plant at the nursery level, keeping the graft union above the soil. Mulch lightly over the roots without covering the trunk. Test the soil before adding lime, and avoid a site that dries severely in summer.

FEEDING

Avoid heavy feeding of healthy plants. Check light, moisture, and drainage before treating weak growth with fertilizer. Use a soil test to guide any needed nutrients, apply shrub fertilizer in spring at the label rate, and water afterward. Keep concentrated fertilizer away from stems.

SEASONAL CARE

Most plants need little pruning. Flowers form on older wood, so do any light shaping just after the winter or early-spring display. Remove damaged, rubbing, or misplaced branches selectively. Avoid hard annual shearing, which removes flower buds and spoils the natural branching pattern.

HELPFUL TIPS

Watch for vigorous shoots from below the graft and remove them promptly, as they may be rootstock growth. Flower colors vary by cultivar. Some plants retain brown leaves into winter, partially hiding the flowers; this does not automatically mean the shrub has died.