



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

CANTERBURY BELLS CARE

LIGHT

Canterbury bells (*Campanula medium*) grow in sun or partial shade. Their large bell-shaped flowers make a bold cottage-garden display and useful cut stems. Choose an open position with good air circulation. Check the series label for height and allow room around the leafy rosette.

WATER

Keep the soil moderately moist while plants establish and while flowering. Water deeply during dry weather. Avoid repeatedly soaking the foliage or leaving the crown in standing water. Containers need drainage holes and closer moisture checks during warm or windy weather.

SOIL & PLANTING

Plant at nursery depth in fertile, moist but well-drained soil. Keep the rosette uncovered by heavy mulch. If planting in fall, confirm local hardiness and allow roots time to establish before the ground freezes. Avoid compacted sites that hold winter water.

FEEDING

Use a modest balanced feeding in poor soil, following label rates. Too much nitrogen encourages leafy growth and weak stems. Container plants may benefit from occasional feeding during active growth. Do not fertilize a dormant or waterlogged plant to force growth.

SEASONAL CARE

Support tall flowering stems before they lean. Removing spent spikes can encourage a smaller additional flush. Leave selected seed heads if self-sowing is desired. Retain a healthy rosette while it is growing, then remove dead or diseased plant debris.

HELPFUL TIPS

Canterbury bells are usually biennial or short-lived, rather than permanent clumping perennials. Some modern series flower in their first year. Do not expect every flowering plant to return indefinitely; renew from suitable seedlings or new plants. Seedlings may differ from the named parent. Watch for slugs, snails, mildew and rust.