



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

HEATH ASTER CARE

LIGHT

Heath asters prefer full sun. Snow Flurry makes a low, spreading carpet, while Schneegitter is a taller upright selection. Use the cultivar label for mature size rather than assuming every heath aster is a groundcover. Give both enough open space for their fine-textured stems.

WATER

Water deeply at planting and while roots establish. Established plants tolerate dry periods, but water during prolonged drought. Let excess water drain after each soaking. Containers and shallow rock-garden pockets dry quickly and need regular checks, even when garden plants need little supplemental water.

SOIL & PLANTING

Plant at nursery depth in average, well-drained soil. Heath asters tolerate lean or rocky ground but still need sufficient soil for establishment. Keep the crown uncovered by heavy mulch. Provide room for spreading stems, especially where low plants grow near smaller rock-garden neighbors.

FEEDING

Use little fertilizer in ordinary garden soil. If feeding is needed, apply a modest amount according to the label. Avoid repeated nitrogen-rich applications that promote loose growth. Suitable drainage and light are more valuable than trying to force a larger flower display with excess feed.

SEASONAL CARE

Keep healthy foliage through the growing season. Leave flowers for late-season pollinators and selected seed heads for wildlife. Tidy dead stems in early spring. Support taller selections if needed, and lift unwanted rooted sections or divide crowded clumps to manage spread.

HELPFUL TIPS

Snow Flurry and Schneegitter differ greatly in height but share the sunny, freely draining routine. Do not cover low mats with wet leaves or let taller neighbors smother them. Check cultivar hardiness for exposed containers. Heath asters are generally trouble-free, though drainage and airflow still matter.