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**Estabrook's**

## TIGER EYES SUMAC CARE

### **LIGHT**

Tiger Eyes cutleaf staghorn sumac (*Rhus typhina* Baittiger) performs best in full sun. Leave room for an upright, rounded shrub and its spreading roots. The breeder lists a mature size around six feet tall and wide, though actual size depends on the site.

### **WATER**

Water deeply after planting and keep the root ball evenly moist while roots establish. Check the surrounding soil as well as the original nursery root ball. Once established, reduce watering frequency, but provide a slow soaking during prolonged dry weather rather than frequent shallow sprinkling.

### **SOIL & PLANTING**

Use well-drained garden soil and avoid prolonged saturation. Plant at the original nursery depth and apply a light mulch layer over the root zone, keeping the trunk clear. Give it an open position where the cut leaves and branching form can be enjoyed.

### **FEEDING**

Routine heavy feeding is unnecessary. If growth is weak, check moisture, drainage, and light before applying fertilizer. Use a soil test to guide any needed nutrients and follow the product label. Avoid excessive nitrogen that promotes more growth than the planting space can accommodate.

### **SEASONAL CARE**

Little shaping is usually needed. Remove dead, damaged, or crossing branches selectively and preserve the natural upright structure. Check around the root zone for suckers and remove unwanted shoots promptly. Avoid hard annual cutting simply to hold it in a space smaller than its mature size.

### **HELPFUL TIPS**

Chartreuse new leaves turning yellow, rosy leaf stalks, and orange to scarlet autumn foliage are normal features. Do not try to turn healthy yellow leaves green with fertilizer. Although smaller than ordinary staghorn sumac, Tiger Eyes can still send up root shoots and needs monitoring at the planting's edges.