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Estabrook's

FRAGRANT SPRING VIBURNUM CARE

LIGHT

Korean spice viburnum (*Viburnum carlesii*) and Burkwood viburnum (*V. x burkwoodii*) grow in sun to partial shade. A position with good light encourages flowering. Allow room around a path or seating area to enjoy the spring fragrance without repeatedly clipping the shrub.

WATER

Water the original root ball and nearby soil deeply when they begin to dry. New shrubs need regular checks during the first seasons, even when established plants tolerate some drought. Continue checking during dry autumn weather. Avoid frequent shallow sprinkling and prolonged waterlogging.

SOIL & PLANTING

Use moist, well-drained garden soil. Set the root flare near the surface and spread mulch over the roots while leaving stem bases clear. Check the named cultivar's eventual size. Korean spice and Burkwood selections can develop a substantial, rounded framework despite looking small in a nursery pot.

FEEDING

Base feeding on a soil test and the shrub's vigor. Heavy nitrogen can produce leafy growth without improving flowering or fruit set. Check moisture, drainage, and root competition before increasing fertilizer. Keep any recommended fertilizer off the trunk and follow the product's labeled rate.

SEASONAL CARE

Shape immediately after the main spring flowering period if needed. Avoid routine autumn or winter shearing, which removes flower-bearing wood. Remove dead or damaged branches and thin selectively rather than clipping the outside into a dense shell. Watch for shoots arising below a graft and remove them carefully.

HELPFUL TIPS

This guide covers identified Korean spice and Burkwood types, including Sugar n' Spice. Burkwood can hold leaves in mild climates but may be deciduous in Maine. Flowers do not guarantee a heavy fruit crop; compatible bloom and pollen matter. Other viburnum groups have separate care instructions.