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Estabrook's

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LIGHT

Summer-flowering clumping alliums such as Millenium, Bubble Bath, Lavender Bubbles, Bobblehead, and Summer Beauty perform best in full sun. Give the foliage and flower stems room for light and airflow. Shadier sites may produce weaker growth and fewer flowers.

WATER

Water new plants thoroughly when the root zone begins to dry. Once established, allow some drying between waterings while avoiding prolonged stress during active growth. Containers need closer checking. Persistent wetness is more damaging than a short dry interval in well-established garden plants.

SOIL & PLANTING

Plant in well-drained soil with the crown at the nursery level. These leafy clumping perennials are handled differently from loose, fall-planted ornamental bulbs. Leave room for the clump to widen and avoid burying the crown under mulch. Use pots with drainage holes.

FEEDING

Use a light spring feeding only if soil fertility or growth indicates a need. Avoid excessive nitrogen, which can favor leaves over a sturdy flowering clump. Keep fertilizer off the crown and foliage and follow the product's rate. Good sunlight and drainage remain the priorities.

SEASONAL CARE

Remove spent flower stems for a tidy appearance or leave attractive dry heads standing. Keep healthy green leaves until they die back naturally, then clear dead foliage before spring growth. Divide crowded, established clumps in spring when needed. Water divisions while they settle in.

HELPFUL TIPS

This guide is for the named summer clumping types. Mount Everest, Ambassador, and other spring bulb alliums have different foliage and planting cycles. Culinary chives also have a separate guide. Treat these ornamental selections as garden plants rather than assuming they are suitable for eating.