



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

GRANDIFLORUM DELPHINIUM CARE

LIGHT

Grandiflorum delphiniums, including Summer types and Hunky Dory, have a branching, generally compact habit compared with tall garden delphiniums. Give them full sun and shelter from strong wind. Good air circulation helps keep foliage healthy. Use the cultivar label for mature height, spread and cold hardiness.

WATERING

Keep roots evenly moist during establishment and flowering without keeping the soil soggy. Check containers often in warm weather and let excess water escape. Water at soil level rather than repeatedly soaking the foliage. Avoid allowing a small root ball to dry completely in summer heat.

SOIL & PLANTING

Plant in fertile, well-drained soil at the original nursery depth. Use drainage holes for containers and keep the crown above trapped water. Space for the labeled spread. Although these are usually shorter plants, flexible supports may still help on windy sites or when flowering stems become heavy.

FERTILIZING

Provide moderate, regular nutrition during active growth as soil conditions require. Follow the label for a suitable perennial or container fertilizer. Do not apply concentrated fertilizer to dry roots. Check moisture and drainage before interpreting yellowing or stalled growth as a nutrient problem.

FLOWERS & PRUNING

Remove faded flowering stems back to fresh side shoots when present, preserving healthy leaves and developing buds. This tidies the plant and may extend the display. Avoid treating a compact branching plant as though it must produce one tall central spike. Flowering duration depends on cultivar and conditions.

SEASONAL CARE

Remove dead stems after they die back and clear diseased debris from the crown. Check emerging growth for slugs and inspect for aphids, mildew or crown rot. Confirm the variety's hardiness and protect exposed container roots from severe freezing. Delphiniums are harmful if eaten; wear gloves and prevent ingestion.