HIDCOTE HYPERICUM CARE

LIGHT

Hidcote St. John's wort (Hypericum Hidcote, also called H. x hidcoteense) grows in full sun or partial shade. Allow room for its rounded, spreading branches. Pick a site where the yellow flowers can be enjoyed without requiring frequent clipping to keep the shrub within bounds.

WATER

Water slowly after planting to wet the whole root ball and nearby soil. Keep the roots evenly moist during establishment, checking beneath the mulch before watering again. Once established, soak during prolonged dry weather rather than watering lightly every day. Avoid soil that stays saturated.

SOIL & PLANTING

Use moist, well-drained garden soil and set the root ball at its original nursery level. Leave room for the cultivar's mature spread and good air movement. Apply a light mulch layer over the root zone, keeping mulch clear of the stem bases.

FEEDING

Avoid heavy feeding of a healthy plant. If growth remains weak after moisture and drainage have been checked, use a soil test to guide feeding. Apply any needed shrub fertilizer in spring at the label rate, and water it into the soil.

SEASONAL CARE

Do necessary shaping in spring, removing dead or winter-damaged wood before shortening selected branches. Wait until healthy growth is apparent if winter injury is uncertain. Avoid repeated clipping through the flowering season. A naturally rounded plant does not need hard annual pruning simply to remain tidy.

HELPFUL TIPS

Winter leaf retention varies with climate, and exposed plants may suffer stem damage. Check local hardiness before planting, especially in colder or windy sites. Watch for rust or unhealthy leaf spotting and remove affected debris. This guide covers Hidcote rather than variegated Tricolor or ornamental berry selections.