



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

BOSNIAN PINE CARE

LIGHT

Bosnian pine (*Pinus heldreichii*, also sold as *P. leucodermis*) prefers full sun. A cool, open position suits its dense, dark foliage. Compact Gem, Irish Bell, and Mint Truffle differ in proportions, so check the cultivar rather than assuming every Bosnian pine forms the same small mound.

WATER

Water the original root ball and surrounding soil deeply when they begin to dry. New pines need regular checks through the first growing seasons, including dry autumn weather. Allow drainage between waterings. Do not assume rain has reached a dense root ball beneath the branches.

SOIL & PLANTING

Choose freely draining soil and set the root flare at the surface. Avoid a low spot with persistent winter water. Mulch over the roots without touching the trunk and leave enough room around the outline for airflow. A compact cultivar still needs its own growing space as it matures.

FEEDING

Feed according to a soil test and plant vigor rather than a strong annual routine. Poor drainage, drought, or an unsuitable site cannot be corrected with extra nitrogen. Follow the label for any recommended application and keep fertilizer away from the trunk and dry, stressed roots.

SEASONAL CARE

Preserve the cultivar's natural framework and remove damaged branches selectively. If size control is needed, lightly shorten soft new spring candles before needles fully expand. Avoid cutting into bare old wood, which may not refill. Do not top the plant or apply intensive bonsai pruning to a landscape specimen.

HELPFUL TIPS

This pine's dense needles and developing cones are normal features. A dwarf label describes relative growth, not a permanent maximum at the purchase size. Investigate expanding tip dieback or patchy outer browning before pruning or feeding. Confirm *heldreichii* or *leucodermis* on the label when using these instructions.