GOATSBEARD

LIGHT

Choose partial shade, or a sunnier site where soil stays moist. Shelter goatsbeard from intense afternoon heat in exposed beds.

WATER

Water deeply during establishment and dry spells. Aruncus grows best with a consistently moist root zone; repeated drought can scorch foliage.

SOIL & PLANTING

Provide fertile, humus-rich soil with room for the variety to mature. Species plants can become large, while Chantilly Lace and other hybrids differ in size. Follow the tag for spacing.

FEEDING

A light compost topdressing maintains organic matter. Use additional fertilizer only as needed, following soil-test guidance and label rates.

SEASONAL CARE

Remove spent plumes if a tidy appearance is preferred, leaving useful green foliage. Cut dead stems after dormancy. Divide established clumps in early spring when necessary; avoid frequent disturbance.

HELPFUL TIPS

Feathery flowers suit moist woodland borders and pond-side beds above standing water. This guide covers garden Aruncus, including Chantilly Lace, which is sold botanically as a hybrid. Goatsbeard is not astilbe despite its similar flowers.