MARSH MARIGOLD

LIGHT

Choose sun to partial shade for Caltha palustris. Some afternoon shade helps keep foliage comfortable in summer heat.

WATER

Keep roots constantly moist. Wet soil and shallow pond margins suit this plant; a dry flower border does not. Check container moisture frequently.

SOIL & PLANTING

Use moisture-retentive soil in a bog garden, rain garden or suitable pond-edge planting. Keep the crown near the soil surface and avoid deep submersion.

FEEDING

Rich wet soil often supplies adequate nutrients. Avoid unnecessary fertilizer, especially beside water where runoff can encourage algae. Follow soil-test advice for garden beds.

SEASONAL CARE

Yellow flowers appear in spring. Leaves may decline or go dormant during summer heat; mark the crown and keep the root zone moist. Remove dead growth gently and divide established plants when dormant if needed.

HELPFUL TIPS

Despite its common name, this is a buttercup relative, not a bedding marigold. Do not eat it; sap can irritate skin, so wear gloves when handling. Confirm the identity before planting, as lesser celandine can look similar.