



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

SNOWDROP ANEMONE CARE

LIGHT

Snowdrop anemone (*Anemone sylvestris*), including Madonna, grows in sun to partial shade. Nodding buds open into white flowers in late spring or early summer. Give the low foliage enough light and space, avoiding positions where larger neighbors will cover it completely.

WATER

Water thoroughly after planting and maintain moderate moisture while roots establish. During extended dry periods, water deeply and let excess water drain. Established plants tolerate some drying, but new plants should not repeatedly wilt. Avoid constantly saturated roots, especially in compacted or winter-wet soil.

SOIL & PLANTING

Plant at nursery depth in humus-rich, well-drained garden soil. Leave space for root suckers to spread. Keep heavy mulch away from the crown and do not bury the low foliage. Choose a location where wandering shoots can be removed without damaging more delicate neighbors.

FEEDING

Feed modestly in spring if the soil is poor, following label directions. A light compost application between plants may be sufficient. Avoid repeated rich feeding, which can promote excessive spreading. Resolve unsuitable drainage or moisture before assuming that a struggling clump needs more fertilizer.

SEASONAL CARE

Trim finished flowering stems if desired, or retain the decorative seed heads. Keep healthy leaves and remove damaged growth. Divide established plants in early spring when necessary and water divisions carefully until rooted. Monitor the edge of the colony and lift unwanted suckers promptly.

HELPFUL TIPS

This is a spreading spring-flowering anemone, distinct from late-flowering Japanese anemones. Madonna follows the snowdrop-anemone routine despite some generic hybrid labels. Watch for slugs, caterpillars and mildew. Anemone sap can irritate skin, so wear gloves. Check plant hardiness for your site, especially in exposed containers.