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Estabrook's

BLUE KAZOO SPIREA CARE

LIGHT

Double Play Blue Kazoo (*Spiraea media* SMSMBK) grows in full sun to part sun. Give it at least four hours of direct sun, with six or more preferred for foliage color and flowering. Afternoon shade can help in warmer locations.

WATER

Water deeply after planting and keep the root ball and surrounding soil evenly moist during establishment. Check below the mulch before watering again. Established plants need less frequent attention, but a prolonged dry spell calls for a slow soaking at the base.

SOIL & PLANTING

Use ordinary, well-drained garden soil. Set the root ball at its original nursery level and leave room for the cultivar's mature width. Spread a light layer of mulch over the roots, leaving a clear gap around the stem bases.

FEEDING

Avoid heavy feeding when growth is already healthy. If a soil test or persistent weak growth indicates a need, apply a modest spring dose of shrub fertilizer at the label rate. Check moisture and drainage before assuming that more fertilizer is the answer.

SEASONAL CARE

Pruning is optional. For a conservative approach that preserves the flower display, wait until the first white flowers fade, then give only a light shaping trim to encourage colorful fresh growth. Remove dead or damaged stems selectively. Avoid repeated shearing and unnecessary hard cutting.

HELPFUL TIPS

Blue-green foliage, reddish young growth, white flower clusters, and red autumn color are normal features. Blue Kazoo belongs to *Spiraea media*. Use this cultivar-specific guide rather than automatically applying a hard early-spring cut intended for summer-flowering Japanese spireas.