ASCOT RAINBOW SPURGE

LIGHT

Give Ascot Rainbow sun to partial shade in a sheltered position. Its variegated foliage provides interest beyond flowering. Avoid a dark, damp site that encourages weak growth.

WATER

Water new plants until established, then let the root zone dry somewhat between soakings. This spurge tolerates dry conditions once rooted. Wet winter soil is a particular concern.

SOIL & PLANTING

Choose freely draining soil or a draining container with an open potting mix. Keep stems at the original planting level and do not bury the leafy crown beneath mulch.

FEEDING

Use a modest spring feeding if needed, following the product label. Avoid heavy nitrogen applications that produce soft growth. Do not feed a dormant, cold-damaged or waterlogged plant.

SEASONAL CARE

Remove spent flowering stems selectively, preserving healthy leafy shoots that have not flowered. Do not treat it like a herbaceous perennial that must be cut entirely to ground level each autumn. Remove winter-damaged growth after new growth becomes visible.

HELPFUL TIPS

Check the plant tag for winter hardiness: ratings vary, and exposed or colder Maine sites are less reliable than sheltered locations. Where unsuitable, use seasonally or overwinter a container bright and frost-free. Wear gloves and eye protection; avoid the irritating sap and keep all parts from children and pets.