LINGONBERRY

LIGHT

Choose a sunny site for good flowering and fruiting. Vaccinium vitis-idaea is a low evergreen berry shrub, including Red Candy and Koralle selections.

WATER

Keep shallow roots evenly moist without waterlogging. Do not let the bed dry completely; avoid overwatering heavy soil.

SOIL & PLANTING

Plant in organic, well-drained, acidic soil, roughly pH 4.0-5.5. Test before amending. Allow space for rhizomes to form a low patch and mulch lightly to conserve moisture.

FEEDING

Feed sparingly with fertilizer appropriate for acid-loving berries, guided by soil testing. Excess fertilizer and chloride salts can cause serious injury.

SEASONAL CARE

Avoid routine pruning during the first several years. Preserve healthy leafy shoots and flower buds; remove dead growth as needed. Harvest ripe red fruit rather than stripping unripe berries.

HELPFUL TIPS

A different, compatible lingonberry cultivar improves pollination and berry size. Protect ripening fruit from birds. Check the tag for local winter suitability and protect container roots. Cranberry and blueberry guides should not replace this one.