COMPACT MANDEVILLA

LIGHT

Give Madinia mandevilla a warm, bright position with several hours of sun. Acclimate greenhouse plants gradually. A little afternoon shade helps on an especially hot, reflective patio.

WATER

Check containers frequently in summer. Water thoroughly when the surface begins to dry, then let excess drain. Small pots may need attention daily; do not leave the pot standing in a full saucer.

SOIL & PLANTING

Plant in a container with drainage holes and fresh, well-drained potting mix. Keep the original planting depth. Madinia has a bushy, limited-vining habit suited to patio pots and baskets.

FEEDING

During active growth, use a flowering-container fertilizer at its labeled rate. Account for any slow-release feed already in the mix. Reduce feeding as growth slows in autumn; stop through a cool winter rest.

SEASONAL CARE

In Maine, treat as a summer annual or bring indoors before cold nights and frost. Choose a bright, frost-free place and water less in winter. Light spring trimming can refresh the shape before gradual outdoor acclimation.

HELPFUL TIPS

This is the compact Madinia group, not a tall trellis vine. Support an occasional long shoot if needed. Inspect for aphids, mites and whiteflies before moving indoors. Wear gloves when pruning the irritating milky sap.