



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

CARPET BUGLE AJUGA CARE

LIGHT

Carpet bugle ajuga grows in sun to partial shade, with some protection from hot afternoon sun where the soil dries quickly. Chocolate Chip, Black Scallop, and Catlin's Giant have different leaf sizes and colors. Leave enough light and airflow around the mat.

WATER

Water new plants thoroughly when the soil starts to dry. Keep roots moderately moist, but avoid constantly saturated conditions. Established mats tolerate some drying better than newly planted plugs. Water at ground level and investigate soft, collapsing crowns rather than adding water automatically.

SOIL & PLANTING

Use moist, well-drained soil and set crowns at the nursery level. Keep heavy mulch off the small rosettes. Ajuga can move into lawns and neighboring beds through rooting runners, so choose a contained garden location where edges can be checked and maintained.

FEEDING

Heavy feeding is rarely needed. If plants are weak, check crowding, drainage, and competition before applying nutrients. Use soil-test guidance and a modest labeled rate if fertilizer is needed. Do not try to correct rotting crowns with repeated fertilizer applications.

SEASONAL CARE

Remove faded flower spikes for a tidy appearance. Thin or divide crowded patches in spring or early fall, then water divisions until rooted. Edge back runners before they establish where they are unwanted. Clear dead foliage gently without tearing healthy, shallow-rooted rosettes out of the ground.

HELPFUL TIPS

Dense wet mats can develop crown rot. Improve airflow and drainage when patches collapse, and remove badly affected material. Do not discard living runners in woods or natural areas. Pyramidal Metallica Crispa has a separate guide and should not be assumed to spread in the same way.