



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

BEARDED PENSTEMON

LIGHT

Choose full sun for sturdy stems and good flowering. This guide covers *Penstemon barbatus* garden selections, including Bejeweled Pink Pearls and Pristine types. Follow each variety tag for mature height and spacing.

WATER

Water new plants deeply while roots establish. Once settled, let the soil surface dry between soakings and water during extended dry spells. Do not keep roots constantly wet, especially in cold weather.

SOIL & PLANTING

Plant with the crown at its original level in very well-drained soil. Improve the overall site or choose a raised position if ground stays wet. Avoid a rich, water-holding pocket around the root ball.

FEEDING

Use moderate fertility. A light spring feeding can help where soil is poor, but heavy nitrogen encourages weak growth. Keep fertilizer granules and thick mulch away from the crown.

SEASONAL CARE

Remove faded flower stems to keep plants tidy and encourage further bloom where the variety allows. Keep healthy basal leaves. Clear dead growth carefully in spring when new shoots are visible, rather than scalping the crown in autumn.

HELPFUL TIPS

Winter drainage is important for survival in Maine. Give plants open air movement and avoid wet leaf piles over the crown. Flowers attract hummingbirds and pollinators. Foxglove-type penstemons and dark-leaved border hybrids have a separate guide.