



BLUE SEA HOLLY

LIGHT

Choose full sun for sturdy stems and strong blue flower color. An open border or sunny gravel garden suits *Eryngium planum*, including Blue Glitter. Avoid shade beneath large shrubs.

WATER

Water newly planted roots thoroughly, then check the soil before watering again. Established plants tolerate dry spells. Constantly wet roots are a greater concern than an occasional dry surface.

SOIL & PLANTING

Use freely draining sandy or loamy soil. Keep the crown at its original depth and give each plant room for its mature spread. Improve drainage before planting in heavy, wet ground.

FEEDING

Feed sparingly. Rich soil and excessive fertilizer can produce weak, floppy stems. Start with a soil test rather than routine heavy feeding; do not mound compost against the crown.

SEASONAL CARE

Enjoy the summer flowers fresh or dried. Remove spent heads to limit seedlings, or leave selected heads for winter interest. Clear dead stems before new spring growth without burying the crown.

HELPFUL TIPS

Leave established plants in place when possible. Use gloves around the stiff flower bracts. Watch for root decline in wet sites. This guide covers blue *E. planum* types; rattlesnake master has a separate identity.