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Estabrook's

CORNELIAN CHERRY DOGWOOD CARE

LIGHT

Cornelian cherry dogwood grows in sun to partial shade as a small tree or large shrub. Allow room for its rounded mature outline and decide whether a tree or multi-stemmed form suits the site. Variegated Tricolor benefits from protection from harsh afternoon heat and drying wind.

WATER

Water slowly through the root ball and surrounding soil after planting. Check moisture regularly and water deeply when needed, keeping roots evenly moist during establishment. Adjust for rain, weather, and drainage rather than watering daily by the calendar. Avoid repeatedly drying a new root ball or leaving it saturated.

SOIL & PLANTING

Use moist, well-drained soil with reasonable fertility. This is an adaptable dogwood, but establishment still depends on dependable moisture and drainage. Keep the root flare visible and any graft above ground. Mulch lightly without touching stems, and avoid compacting soil or repeatedly digging within the root zone.

FEEDING

Use a soil test to guide fertilizer and pH changes. Healthy plants may need no routine feeding. If nutrients are needed, apply a modest spring dose of tree or shrub fertilizer at the label rate. Avoid heavy nitrogen, late-season feeding, and adding lime automatically to acid-loving dogwoods.

SEASONAL CARE

Preserve the chosen tree or shrub framework with selective pruning. Remove damaged or crossing growth and unwanted basal suckers. If minor shaping is needed, work after its early flowers finish; extensive pruning can reduce later fruit. Avoid routine topping or applying colorful-twig shrub renewal methods to an established tree.

HELPFUL TIPS

Clusters of small yellow flowers open on bare stems in late winter or early spring. Red, olive-shaped fruit and exfoliating mature bark are normal. This is a dogwood, not a true cherry. Flower and fruit display vary with age and conditions; foliage color in Tricolor is an intentional cultivar trait.