MERMAID LAVENDER CANDYTUFT CARE

LIGHT

Mermaid Lavender is a hybrid Iberis selected for lavender flowers over a longer season than traditional spring candytuft. Grow it in full sun with good airflow. Allow space around its mounding foliage instead of crowding it among taller, shade-producing plants.

WATER

Water thoroughly when the root zone begins to dry, then allow excess moisture to drain. New plants and containers need regular checking while roots establish. Avoid continual saturation, particularly in cool weather. Do not let a small flowering pot repeatedly wilt between hurried, shallow waterings.

SOIL & PLANTING

Use well-drained soil or a quality freely draining container mix. Plant at the original crown depth and keep the stem bases clear of heavy mulch. The breeder lists this hybrid for USDA zones 5-9, but exposed containers need additional root protection during a Maine winter.

FEEDING

Feed conservatively during active growth when needed, following a product suitable for flowering perennials or containers. Check whether the potting mix already contains fertilizer before adding more. Extra nutrients will not correct shade, waterlogging, or a badly dried-out root ball.

SEASONAL CARE

Remove faded clusters and lightly tidy leafy growth as needed to maintain the display. Do not automatically give it a hard spring-candytuft shear while it is still developing later flowers. Avoid cutting into a bare woody base. Clear damaged foliage gently when new growth is visible.

HELPFUL TIPS

The breeder identifies Mermaid Lavender as Iberis x hybrida, a named hybrid rather than a standard white spring candytuft. That longer flowering habit is why it has a separate guide. Check the named cultivar when matching care instructions, and assess the site and winter protection rather than relying on the common name alone.