



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

FRAGRANT SUMAC CARE

LIGHT

Fragrant sumac (*Rhus aromatica*), including Gro-Low and Lacette, grows in full sun to partial shade. Give it a broad space on a bank, border, or groundcover planting. Choose the cultivar for its mature height and spread instead of expecting all selections to stay equally low.

WATER

Water deeply after planting and keep the root ball evenly moist while roots establish. Check the surrounding soil as well as the original nursery root ball. Once established, reduce watering frequency, but provide a slow soaking during prolonged dry weather rather than frequent shallow sprinkling.

SOIL & PLANTING

Use well-drained soil; moist to dry conditions are acceptable once established, but poorly drained sites are unsuitable. Plant at the nursery soil level and mulch lightly around the roots. Allow access around the planting so rooted branches and spreading shoots can be managed.

FEEDING

Routine heavy feeding is unnecessary. If growth is weak, check moisture, drainage, and light before applying fertilizer. Use a soil test to guide any needed nutrients and follow the product label. Avoid excessive nitrogen that promotes more growth than the planting space can accommodate.

SEASONAL CARE

Keep the natural branching habit and remove dead or damaged growth as needed. If light shaping is necessary, work after the early spring flowers fade to retain the display. Avoid repeatedly clipping every branch tip or treating a newly planted shrub as an established hedge.

HELPFUL TIPS

Stems can root where they touch soil, and root suckers can expand the planting. Remove unwanted shoots while small. The leaves release fragrance when crushed and turn orange to red in autumn. Berry production depends on flowering and compatible pollination; foliage and winter leaf loss follow the seasons.