



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

HINOKI FALSE CYPRESS CARE

LIGHT

Hinoki false cypress (*Chamaecyparis obtusa*) grows best in sun with protection from drying winds. Some light shade is tolerated. Golden cultivars need enough light for good color, but newly planted foliage can scorch on an exposed, hot site.

WATER

Water the root ball and surrounding soil thoroughly when they begin to dry. Check the original root ball as well as nearby soil; one may dry faster than the other. Continue checking during dry autumn weather until the ground freezes. Avoid standing water.

SOIL & PLANTING

Plant in moist, well-drained soil with the root flare visible near the surface. Do not bury the trunk or mound mulch against it. Hinoki cultivars range from small mounds to substantial trees. Check the named cultivar's eventual size and leave room around its natural outline.

FEEDING

Fertilize only when a soil test or poor growth indicates a need. Avoid strong nitrogen applications to a stressed or newly planted tree. Brown foliage can reflect root trouble, drought, or winter exposure; adding fertilizer without identifying the cause can make recovery harder.

SEASONAL CARE

Preserve the layered fans and natural habit. Remove damaged branches and make only light shaping cuts into leafy growth. Do not shear into bare brown wood, which may not refill. Avoid late-season pruning that encourages tender growth before cold weather.

HELPFUL TIPS

Crippsii, Fernspray Gold, Nana Gracilis, and other Hinoki cultivars differ greatly in form and growth rate. A dwarf label does not mean the plant stops growing. Small amounts of interior shedding can be normal; expanding outer browning deserves investigation.