



RED CHOKEBERRY CARE

LIGHT

Red chokeberry (*Aronia arbutifolia*), including Brilliantissima and Berry Scape, prefers sun for the strongest flower and fruit display. Partial shade is tolerated. Allow room for the cultivar's mature height and spread, particularly beside windows or narrow paths.

WATER

Water deeply at planting, then check the root ball regularly as roots establish. Keep young plants moderately moist during dry spells. Established shrubs tolerate wet sites and occasional flooding as well as ordinary garden moisture. Avoid alternating severe drying with excessive watering.

SOIL & PLANTING

Plant at nursery depth in garden soil suited to the site. Red chokeberry tolerates a broad range of soils, including moist locations. Mulch the surrounding root zone, leaving stem bases clear. Space plants for their mature upright habit and potential suckering spread.

FEEDING

Routine heavy fertilizing is unnecessary. If feeding is needed, use a modest spring application of shrub fertilizer following soil-test recommendations and label rates. Investigate water stress, planting depth or damaged roots before adding fertilizer to a struggling plant.

SEASONAL CARE

Prune selectively after the spring flowers if shaping is needed. Keep cutting light to preserve developing fruit, and remove dead or damaged stems. Avoid repeated shearing of the entire shrub. Remove unwanted root suckers to keep a defined planting boundary.

HELPFUL TIPS

Red berries and fall foliage provide seasonal interest. Some selections become open at the base with age, making them useful in groups or mixed borders. Deer may browse plants. Confirm cultivar size and hardiness; black chokeberry has its own guide.