



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

GARDEN CATMINT CARE

LIGHT

Most garden catmints, including faassenii hybrids and racemosa, prefer full sun. Light shade is tolerated, but dense shade can weaken flowering and stem strength. Follow the cultivar label for height and spacing; compact mounds and taller selections need different positions in the border.

WATER

Water new plants deeply until established. Thereafter, most garden catmints tolerate dry weather and need supplemental watering mainly during extended drought. Let the root zone drain between soakings. Containers need more frequent checks. Do not keep the crown continually wet to encourage more flowers.

SOIL & PLANTING

Plant at nursery depth in average, freely draining soil. Avoid compacted wet areas and heavy mulch over the crown. Allow space for arching stems and good air movement. Taller or spreading selections may need more room than their small nursery pots suggest.

FEEDING

Use little fertilizer in ordinary garden soil. In poor soil, feed lightly according to the label. Excess nitrogen can encourage floppy growth. Correct shade, drainage or watering problems before adding more feed. Container plants may benefit from occasional modest feeding during growth.

SEASONAL CARE

After the main flush fades, trim flowering stems back toward healthy leafy growth to encourage a tidy mound and possible rebloom. Do not remove every green shoot from a weak young plant. Tidy dead stems in spring and divide crowded clumps when needed.

HELPFUL TIPS

Souvenir d'Andre Chaudron can spread by suckers; remove unwanted shoots. Cats may roll on new plants, so protect small clumps if needed. Watch for slugs, snails and mildew. Moisture-loving Neptune and Blue Prelude have a separate guide. Catnip and calamint also have their own guides.