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Estabrook's

PETER COTTONTAIL SNEEZEWORT CARE

LIGHT

Peter Cottontail sneezewort (*Achillea ptarmica*) grows in full sun to part sun. Its airy ivory-white flowers rise over green foliage, giving a different look from flat-topped garden yarrow. Allow for a mound roughly 18 to 24 inches tall and 28 to 30 inches wide.

WATER

Water thoroughly after planting and maintain moderate moisture while roots develop. The breeder lists low to average water needs once established. Water during prolonged dry spells, allowing excess moisture to drain. Avoid interpreting the species' association with moist places as a need for a constantly wet crown.

SOIL & PLANTING

Use well-drained soil of average or modest fertility and plant with the crown even with the soil surface. Avoid rich, heavily amended beds and sites that hold winter water. Containers need drainage holes and sufficient room for the mature root system.

FEEDING

This plant is not a heavy feeder. Use fertilizer only modestly where needed, following the label, and avoid excessive nitrogen. Rich feeding can encourage weak growth. Correct poor drainage or insufficient light before trying to solve a performance problem with added nutrients.

SEASONAL CARE

After flowers fade, the breeder recommends cutting the plant back by about half. Retain the lower healthy growth and water if weather is dry to support recovery. Remove dead foliage after dormancy or as spring growth begins. Divide crowded clumps when necessary to renew or manage the planting.

HELPFUL TIPS

This guide is specific to Peter Cottontail, not every *Achillea ptarmica* selection. The breeder lists zones 3 through 8, but drainage and establishment still affect survival. Monitor spreading growth and watch for aphids, mildew and stem or root rot. Flowers can be used fresh or dried; ornamental plants should not be used as home remedies.