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Estabrook's

PRESTON AND LATE HYBRID LILAC CARE

LIGHT

Preston and late hybrid lilacs, including Donald Wyman, Minuet, Pinktini, and Royalty, flower best in full sun. They extend the lilac season later than many common lilacs. Allow room for the selection's natural upright or rounded habit rather than relying on frequent clipping.

WATER

Water slowly and thoroughly after planting, then check the root ball and surrounding soil before watering again. Keep young plants evenly moist while roots establish. Established plants need supplemental water during prolonged dry weather. Avoid frequent shallow sprinkling and soil that remains saturated.

SOIL & PLANTING

Choose well-drained garden soil and plant at the original nursery depth. Allow room for the cultivar's mature spread and good air circulation. Mulch the root zone lightly, leaving the stem bases clear. Test the soil before adding lime or other pH-changing amendments.

FEEDING

Avoid heavy feeding and keep high-nitrogen lawn fertilizer away from the roots. Excess nitrogen encourages leaves at the expense of flowers. If a soil test indicates a need, use a modest spring application of shrub fertilizer at the label rate and water afterward.

SEASONAL CARE

Prune only after this plant's flowers have faded. Its later season means the right moment may come after nearby common lilacs are already finished. Remove damaged branches and selectively thin crowded stems. Avoid fall or winter shearing, and do not cut away still-unopened flower clusters.

HELPFUL TIPS

Pinktini is compact, while other late hybrids may become much larger; use the label for spacing and eventual size. Newly planted lilacs may need time to settle before flowering well. Preserve the natural form and use light, selective pruning instead of routine hard annual cuts.