



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

GROUNDCOVER CRANESBILL CARE

LIGHT

Bigroot geranium and cantabrigiense hybrids grow in sun or partial shade and tolerate shaded sites. Their aromatic foliage forms spreading mats beneath shrubs or along borders. Flowers are generally more abundant with some light. Check the cultivar label for the width of the mature colony.

WATER

Water thoroughly after planting and during the first growing season. Once rooted, these groundcovers tolerate dry shade better than many flowering perennials. Still provide a deep soak in severe drought, especially beneath thirsty trees. Avoid keeping the soil continuously wet.

SOIL & PLANTING

Use average, well-drained garden soil and plant at nursery depth. These plants adapt to many soil types but dislike waterlogging. Keep mulch light near creeping rhizomes and crowns. Leave room for spreading growth so it does not overwhelm small, delicate neighbors.

FEEDING

Feeding is seldom needed in moderately fertile soil. Apply a small amount of compost or fertilizer only when growth or a soil test indicates a need. Avoid rich, repeated feeding that encourages excessive spread. Follow all fertilizer rates and keep granules off leaves.

SEASONAL CARE

Remove finished flower stems and old, damaged leaves to refresh the mat. Retain healthy foliage, which may persist into winter depending on conditions. Tidy winter-damaged leaves as new growth starts. Divide or lift rooted sections in spring or early fall to manage colony size.

HELPFUL TIPS

Monitor edges where rhizomes creep into paths or smaller plants. This guide includes macrorrhizum selections and cantabrigiense types such as Biokovo, Karmina and Cambridge. It differs from the more moisture-loving wild geranium guide. Slugs, sawfly larvae and mildew can occur; inspect damage before choosing a treatment.