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Estabrook's

PAGODA DOGWOOD CARE

LIGHT

Pagoda dogwood prefers a cool site in sun to partial shade, with shelter from hot afternoon exposure. Golden Shadows is especially suited to light shade, where its yellow-edged foliage brightens the garden. Allow space for the distinctive horizontal tiers rather than squeezing the plant between buildings or larger shrubs.

WATER

Water slowly through the root ball and surrounding soil after planting. Check moisture regularly and water deeply when needed, keeping roots evenly moist during establishment. Adjust for rain, weather, and drainage rather than watering daily by the calendar. Avoid repeatedly drying a new root ball or leaving it saturated.

SOIL & PLANTING

Use moist, acidic, organically rich, well-drained soil and keep the root zone cool. Locate the root flare and plant with it visible; mulch lightly without touching stems. Avoid compaction, root disturbance, and repeated drought. This woodland tree is a poor choice for a hot, heavily paved, dry planting strip.

FEEDING

Use a soil test to guide fertilizer and pH changes. Healthy plants may need no routine feeding. If nutrients are needed, apply a modest spring dose of tree or shrub fertilizer at the label rate. Avoid heavy nitrogen, late-season feeding, and adding lime automatically to acid-loving dogwoods.

SEASONAL CARE

Retain the layered branching pattern. Remove dead, damaged, or rubbing stems with small selective cuts; only lightly shape after flowering if needed. Avoid shearing, topping, and hard annual renewal, which destroy the tiered form. Allow either a single trunk or a natural multi-stemmed framework according to the plant's existing structure.

HELPFUL TIPS

Creamy flower clusters, dark fruits, and layered branches distinguish pagoda dogwood from the large-bracted flowering types. Golden Shadows has intentional yellow-and-green variegation. Monitor stems for cankers or dieback and seek diagnosis before cutting extensively. Good moisture management and an undisturbed, cool root area help maintain plant vigor.