PASQUE FLOWER

LIGHT

Choose full sun to light shade for Pulsatilla vulgaris. A sunny rock garden or open border with spring light is suitable. Avoid crowding by vigorous neighbors as their summer foliage expands.

WATER

Water newly planted roots as they establish. Once settled, water during extended dry spells without keeping the crown soggy. Good drainage is particularly important through Maine's wet, cold seasons.

SOIL & PLANTING

Plant in well-drained garden soil at the original crown level. Choose a permanent spot: the deep roots resent disturbance. Avoid planting in a low pocket where winter water collects.

FEEDING

Use fertilizer sparingly. A modest amount of finished compost in the surrounding soil is usually enough. Do not pile rich material or heavy wet mulch onto the crown.

SEASONAL CARE

Enjoy the early spring flowers and leave the fluffy seedheads for a second display. Keep healthy foliage after bloom to support next year's growth. Mark the crown before winter so emerging shoots are not disturbed in spring.

HELPFUL TIPS

This guide covers common pasque flower and Rote Gloecke. Avoid routine division or moving established plants. Wear gloves when handling; the plant can irritate skin and is poisonous if eaten. Keep it away from children and pets that chew plants.