



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

CREEPING SPEEDWELL CARE

LIGHT

Low, creeping speedwells form mats rather than upright flower spikes. Most prefer sun; Georgia Blue and related types also tolerate light shade. Use in edging, rock gardens or between widely spaced stones. Check the species label before choosing a site or expecting tolerance of foot traffic.

WATER

Water regularly through establishment, then adjust to the selection. Thyme-leaf speedwell (*Veronica oltensis*) favors a drier, sunny site once rooted, while other creeping types perform well with moderate moisture. Water the root zone during prolonged drought and avoid constantly soggy soil.

SOIL & PLANTING

Plant at nursery depth in well-drained soil. Keep the low foliage uncovered and leave space for stems to spread. Use a freely draining mix in troughs. Good winter drainage is essential; do not fill a wet depression simply because the plant is called a groundcover.

FEEDING

Feed lightly if needed, following the label. Avoid rich, repeated applications, particularly for drought-adapted rock-garden types. Container plants may need occasional feeding during active growth. A soil test can help distinguish nutrient needs from drainage or moisture problems.

SEASONAL CARE

Lightly trim spent flower stems or untidy runners after flowering. Retain healthy low foliage and remove dead leaves or winter damage as growth resumes. Lift unwanted rooted sections to manage spread. Divide established mats when needed and keep divisions watered until rooted.

HELPFUL TIPS

Bloom season and winter foliage vary. Waterperry and Whitewater are spreading types despite some generic hybrid labels. Check each cultivar's hardiness and moisture preference rather than treating all as identical. Keep fallen leaves and taller neighbors from smothering the mat, and monitor slugs or crown rot.