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Estabrook's

PINK TICKSEED CARE

LIGHT

Pink tickseed (*Coreopsis rosea*), including American Dream, grows best in full sun. Give the fine-textured foliage an open position with room to spread. This guide is for identified rosea plants; pink-flowered hybrids may have different needs and should follow their own cultivar label.

WATERING

Keep the root zone consistently moist while allowing excess water to drain. This species needs more reliable moisture than many drought-tolerant yellow tickseeds. Water during dry spells before the root ball becomes parched. Containers dry quickly, so check them regularly without leaving them standing in water.

SOIL & PLANTING

Choose moisture-retentive, well-drained garden soil. Set plants at their original nursery depth and water thoroughly. Avoid burying the crown or choosing a dry, exposed rock-garden site. Allow space for spreading rhizomes, and keep heavy mulch from covering the leafy growth.

FERTILIZING

Use a light compost top-dressing if soil is poor. Heavy feeding is unnecessary in a reasonably fertile bed. If growth is weak, check moisture and drainage first; use a soil test before adding nutrients. Follow product directions and keep fertilizer off the crown and leaves.

FLOWERS & SPREAD

Small pink daisies appear over finely divided foliage in summer. Trim tired flowering growth after the main display to tidy plants and encourage possible rebloom. Retain healthy basal foliage. Control unwanted spreading shoots and seedlings, or allow a naturalized patch where there is sufficient room.

SEASONAL CARE

Pink tickseed can be short-lived but may persist through rhizomes and self-seeding. Preserve healthy young growth when tidying the planting. Divide rooted portions when needed and water them through establishment. Remove dead or diseased material in spring and reassess moisture if plants repeatedly decline in dry weather.