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Estabrook's

SAWARA FALSE CYPRESS CARE

LIGHT

Sawara false cypress (*Chamaecyparis pisifera*) prefers full sun to light shade. Golden threadleaf selections color best with good light. Choose a position with room for the plant's outline and some shelter from winter winds, particularly while roots are becoming established.

WATER

Water new plants deeply when the root ball begins to dry. Established plants tolerate some drought, but container plants and recent transplants need closer attention. Check soil moisture during extended dry spells and before winter. Keep roots moist enough for growth without leaving them waterlogged.

SOIL & PLANTING

Use well-drained soil and set the root flare at the surface. Water the planting area thoroughly, then mulch lightly over the roots while leaving the trunk clear. Golden Mop, Filifera, Boulevard, and Soft Serve selections have different mature shapes and sizes; follow the cultivar label.

FEEDING

Feed conservatively, using a soil test where growth is poor. Do not try to force rapid growth with repeated nitrogen applications. Check drainage and watering first when foliage loses vigor. Keep lawn fertilizer and weed-control products away from the planting area unless specifically suitable.

SEASONAL CARE

Allow threadlike or feathery branches to develop naturally. Prune broken or dead material and lightly shorten leafy tips only when necessary. Avoid cutting back into bare old wood. Do not top an upright selection as a routine way to maintain a small shrub.

HELPFUL TIPS

Gold, blue, and green foliage colors belong to different cultivars and are not interchangeable symptoms. Some older inner foliage may brown and shed. Widespread browning on the outside, especially after drought or a wet winter, warrants checking both roots and exposure.