MR MUSTARD FALSE SPIREA CARE

LIGHT

Mr. Mustard false spirea (Sorbaria sorbifolia) grows in full sun to part sun, with at least four hours of direct light. Afternoon shade can help in hot locations. Give this low, spreading shrub room for its mature width.

WATER

Water thoroughly at planting and keep the root ball moist while roots spread into the surrounding soil. Check beneath the mulch during dry spells and soak slowly when needed. Average moisture is suitable; avoid sites that remain soggy or collect standing water.

SOIL & PLANTING

Plant in well-drained garden soil at the original nursery depth. This adaptable selection tolerates clay and alkaline soil when drainage is adequate. Spread mulch over the root zone without piling it against the stems. Allow access to the edges for controlling shoots.

FEEDING

Routine fertilizer is usually unnecessary. Check water and soil conditions before feeding a weak plant. If a soil test indicates a deficiency, follow its recommendations and the fertilizer label. Avoid heavy nitrogen applications that encourage more spreading growth than the space can accommodate.

SEASONAL CARE

Follow the breeder's cultivar-specific advice: flowers form on old wood, so do any desired shaping immediately after flowering in summer. Its natural mound is attractive without annual shearing. Remove dead or damaged branches selectively rather than applying a routine hard spring cut.

HELPFUL TIPS

Remove unwanted root suckers annually to contain expansion. The colorful red, yellow, and orange spring foliage normally turns greener as the season advances. Keep this guide separate from the spring-pruning instructions for Matcha Ball and Cherry On Top false spirea.