EDDIES WHITE WONDER DOGWOOD CARE

LIGHT

Eddie's White Wonder is a hybrid of eastern flowering dogwood and Pacific dogwood, despite sometimes being listed as Cornus florida. Give it partial shade, good air circulation, and shelter from cold drying winds. Verify the actual plant's winter hardiness for your Maine site before permanent outdoor planting.

WATER

Water slowly through the root ball and surrounding soil after planting. Check moisture regularly and water deeply when needed, keeping roots evenly moist during establishment. Adjust for rain, weather, and drainage rather than watering daily by the calendar. Avoid repeatedly drying a new root ball or leaving it saturated.

SOIL & PLANTING

Provide acidic, well-drained soil rich in organic matter. Avoid prolonged saturation and harshly dry, exposed ground. Keep the root flare visible and any graft above soil. Mulch lightly around the root area without touching the trunk, and avoid digging repeatedly among the shallow roots after the tree is established.

FEEDING

Use a soil test to guide fertilizer and pH changes. Healthy plants may need no routine feeding. If nutrients are needed, apply a modest spring dose of tree or shrub fertilizer at the label rate. Avoid heavy nitrogen, late-season feeding, and adding lime automatically to acid-loving dogwoods.

SEASONAL CARE

Preserve the natural tree framework, using light corrective pruning after flowering where necessary. Remove damaged or crossing branches and correct a dominant misplaced side branch while young. Avoid topping, hard annual cutting, and shearing. Remove growth arising below a graft rather than allowing it to replace the intended cultivar.

HELPFUL TIPS

Large white bracts are characteristic. Published cold-hardiness ratings differ, and this hybrid should not automatically receive the same winter assumptions as hardy local Cornus florida selections. Ask for cultivar-specific site guidance where cold exposure is severe. Healthy-looking bark and foliage are important; investigate progressive dieback before choosing a treatment.