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Estabrook's

SPRING FLOWERING SPIREA CARE

LIGHT

Spring-flowering spireas, including Snowmound, Ogon or Mellow Yellow, Renaissance, and Vanhoutte spirea, flower best in full sun. Light shade is tolerated. Allow enough space for the variety's mature size and arching branches so its natural fountain shape can develop.

WATER

Water deeply after planting and keep the root ball and surrounding soil evenly moist during establishment. Check below the mulch before watering again. Established plants need less frequent attention, but a prolonged dry spell calls for a slow soaking at the base.

SOIL & PLANTING

Use ordinary, well-drained garden soil. Set the root ball at its original nursery level and leave room for the cultivar's mature width. Spread a light layer of mulch over the roots, leaving a clear gap around the stem bases.

FEEDING

Avoid heavy feeding when growth is already healthy. If a soil test or persistent weak growth indicates a need, apply a modest spring dose of shrub fertilizer at the label rate. Check moisture and drainage before assuming that more fertilizer is the answer.

SEASONAL CARE

These shrubs carry spring flowers on wood grown the previous season. Do necessary shaping immediately after flowering, removing selected older stems at the base and shortening awkward branches to healthy growth. Avoid fall or winter shearing, which removes the buds for the next spring display.

HELPFUL TIPS

Protect the graceful branching pattern rather than clipping the shrub into a tight ball. Yellow foliage is normal for Ogon or Mellow Yellow; it is not automatically a feeding problem. Summer-flowering Japanese and Bumald spireas need different pruning timing and have their own guide.