



# HYBRID SNOWBERRY AND CORALBERRY CARE

## **LIGHT**

Hybrid snowberries and coralberries (*Symphoricarpos*) generally perform well in sun to partial shade. More sun helps the berry display. Match spacing to the cultivar: Hancock spreads as a low groundcover, while selections such as Galaxy and Magical Avalanche form more upright mounds.

## **WATER**

Keep young plants evenly moist as their roots establish. Check the original root ball as well as surrounding soil and water slowly when needed. Containers dry faster than garden beds. Avoid constantly saturated soil and increase checks during hot, dry weather.

## **SOIL & PLANTING**

Use average, well-drained garden soil. Set plants at their original nursery depth and mulch lightly without covering stem bases. Leave space for air circulation and future growth. Where plants spread beyond the intended area, remove unwanted shoots while they are still small.

## **FEEDING**

Heavy fertilizer is unnecessary in a healthy planting. If growth or a soil test indicates a need, use a balanced shrub fertilizer in spring, following its label. Avoid repeated high-nitrogen feeding and reassess watering before adding fertilizer to a struggling plant.

## **SEASONAL CARE**

Prune before spring growth rather than clipping through the flowering and fruiting season. Magical Avalanche should be pruned by late winter for maximum fruit production; Galaxy can be pruned in early spring. Proud Berry benefits from cutting back to about one foot in late winter or early spring.

## **HELPFUL TIPS**

For Hancock, use selective early-spring pruning and preserve its spreading habit. Pinky Promise and related compact selections need shaping only as required. Berry color varies by cultivar and is ornamental, not edible. Leave flowers in place to develop the late-season fruit display.