

Steeds Upright Japanese Holly

Ilex crenata 'Steeds'

- Light Needs

Full sun

- Water Needs

Water regularly - weekly, or more often in extreme heat.

- USDA

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Plant Care

Hollies tolerate full sun to part sun. They prefer a slightly acidic soil, but tend to adapt just about any well-draining soil. After planting, adding a layer of 2 to 3 inches of mulch will help keep the soil moist. Mulching is highly recommended in cooler zones to protect the plant's roots in winter as well. Do not allow the mulch to touch the trunk as this increases the chances of pests and disease. Water your Steeds Holly deeply a couple times a week for the first few months. After your Hollies are established, they only need watered during hot, dry spells. Fertilize in spring with a slow release fertilizer. A Steeds Holly can tolerate pruning well if you want to keep them a certain size or shape. Heavy pruning is best reserved for late winter or early spring for the perfect dwarf tree look.