

Goldmound Spirea

Spiraea japonica 'Goldmound'

Plant Care

Light

Gold Mound spirea prefers full sun, when possible, but will tolerate light shade. Planting it in a sunny location helps to ensure the best color.

Soil

This plant will grow best in well-drained soil, although it tolerates clay soils better than some other shrubs. Amend the soil with compost as needed. Mulch for winter protection if you wish to grow them in zones 4 or 5, just to be on the safe side.

Water

Every week during the summer be sure to thoroughly water this shrub (unless it rains steadily for several days, then you can skip a week). Water until the roots are saturated, but don't overwater; Gold Mound spirea don't like overly wet and humid conditions.

Fertilizer

These hardy plants should be fertilized in late winter or early spring before new growth has had a chance to start. A general-purpose garden fertilizer is fine. Be sure to water thoroughly after applying fertilizer.

Pruning

Deadhead Gold Mound spirea bushes after they're done blooming. This will foster some reblooming as the growing season progresses. The easiest way to deadhead in this case is by shearing. In addition to accomplishing the removal of spent flowers, shearing will help you keep the shrub compact and generate new leaves (the newest leaves being the most colorful ones on this plant).