# BARTLETT'S FARM NANTUCKET

## Rheinland Astilbe

***Astilbe japonica 'Rheinland'***



*Rheinland Astilbe flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: False Spirea

**Description:**

A low maintenance, shade loving variety, featuring compact plants; bubblegum pink plumes rise above mounds of ferny, toothed foliage; an excellent addition to shaded gardens, borders, containers or fresh-cut bouquets; low maintenance



*Rheinland Astilbe in bloom*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

**Ornamental Features**

Rheinland Astilbe has masses of beautiful plumes of pink flowers at the ends of the stems from late spring to early summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its serrated ferny compound leaves remain forest green in color throughout the season.

**Landscape Attributes**

Rheinland Astilbe is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Rheinland Astilbe is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

**Planting & Growing**

Rheinland Astilbe will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in partial shade to shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth. It is very fussy about its soil conditions and must have rich, acidic soils to ensure success, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Rheinland Astilbe is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.