# Snow Day® Surprise Pearlbush

***Exochorda 'Niagara'***

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: syn. Niagara Pearlbush

**Description:**

An exceptionally beautiful and compact shrub valued for its pure white flowers in early spring which open from pearl-shaped flower buds on long pendant stalks, a great plant for almost any garden use, beautiful in mass plantings



*Snow Day Surprise Pearlbush flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

**Ornamental Features**

Snow Day Surprise Pearlbush features showy racemes of white flowers along the branches in mid spring. It has green deciduous foliage. The oval leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.



*Snow Day Surprise Pearlbush in bloom*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

**Landscape Attributes**

Snow Day Surprise Pearlbush is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Snow Day Surprise Pearlbush is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



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**Planting & Growing**

Snow Day Surprise Pearlbush will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Snow Day Surprise Pearlbush makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.