Afterglow Echeveria

Echeveria 'Afterglow'

Plant Height: 14 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: Hens And Chicks

Description:

This variety is very drought tolerant, producing large rosettes of powdery lavender-pink tinged leaves; distinctive orange-red flowers on short stalks in summer; ideal for containers, indoors or out

Ornamental Features

Afterglow Echeveria features unusual spikes of salmon tubular flowers rising above the foliage from early to late summer. Its attractive succulent narrow leaves emerge lime green in spring, turning lavender in color with showy pink variegation and tinges of coral-pink the rest of the year. The coral-pink stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Afterglow Echeveria is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading



Afterglow Echeveria
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Afterglow Echeveria in bloom
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Afterglow Echeveria is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Afterglow Echeveria flowers
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Planting & Growing

Afterglow Echeveria will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. 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.

Afterglow Echeveria is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting 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. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.