First Snow® Spirea

Spiraea x cinerea 'Grefsheim'



First Snow Spirea flowers
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Height: 5 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A ravishing early spring-blooming shrub with gracefully arching branches draped in fragrant, pure white flowers and fine foliage; relatively compact, an ideal size for the shrub garden; full sun and well-drained acidic soil

Ornamental Features

First Snow Spirea is clothed in stunning fragrant white flowers along the branches in early spring before the leaves. It has bluish-green deciduous foliage. The small narrow leaves turn coppery-bronze in fall.

Landscape Attributes

First Snow Spirea is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a shapely form and gracefully arching branches. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. 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.

First Snow Spirea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

First Snow Spirea will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. 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 or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.