Favorite™ Pomegranate

Punica granatum 'Favorite'



Favorite Pomegranate flowers
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Height: 6 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 7

Description:

This vigorous, very hardy variety matures into a dense compact habit with bright, orange-red flowers that appear in early to late summer, followed by small red fruit; drought tolerant once established

Ornamental Features

Favorite Pomegranate has nodding orange bell-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches from early summer to early fall, which emerge from distinctive scarlet flower buds, and which are interesting on close inspection. The fruits are showy red pomes carried in abundance in early fall. It has dark green evergreen foliage. The glossy oval leaves remain dark green throughout the winter.

This plant is primarily grown as an ornamental, but it's also valued for its edible qualities. The oblong sweet seeds are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Preserves
- Juice-Making

Landscape Attributes

Favorite Pomegranate is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. 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 is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Favorite Pomegranate is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Favorite Pomegranate will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years. This is a self-pollinating variety, so it doesn't require a second plant nearby to set fruit.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Favorite Pomegranate makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used 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.