Lighthearted® Spirea

Spiraea japonica 'Grelighthrt'



Lighthearted Spirea flowers
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Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3

Description:

A beautiful shrub for color effect in the garden, with shimmering yellow-gold foliage which emerges burgundy; flat-topped clusters of dark pink flowers in early summer; forms a dense ball, perfect for the middle of borders

Ornamental Features

Lighthearted Spirea features showy clusters of hot pink flowers at the ends of the branches in late spring. It has attractive lime green-variegated chartreuse foliage with hints of coppery-bronze which emerges burgundy in spring. The small serrated pointy leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding coppery-bronze in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Lighthearted Spirea is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. 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.

Lighthearted Spirea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Lighthearted Spirea will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.