Magic Giant Bergenia

Bergenia 'Magic Giant'



Magic Giant Bergenia flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Eden's Magic Giant, Largeleaf Saxifrage, Pigsqueak

Description:

Large glossy, leathery, cabbage-like leaves turn deep bronze-purple late in the season and into winter; interesting clusters of showy, hot pink flowers rise above foliage in spring; great for shady areas; water regularly but don't over water

Ornamental Features

Magic Giant Bergenia features unusual spikes of hot pink bell-shaped flowers with brick red calyces rising above the foliage from mid spring to early summer. Its attractive large succulent round leaves are dark green in color with distinctive burgundy edges. As an added bonus, the foliage turns gorgeous shades of coppery-bronze and in the fall. The burgundy stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Magic Giant Bergenia is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its wonderfully bold, coarse texture can be very effective in a balanced garden composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Magic Giant Bergenia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Magic Giant Bergenia will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity, 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 10 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant performs well in both full sun and full shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. 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 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. 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.