Techno® Upright Purple Lobelia

Lobelia erinus 'Techno Upright Purple'



Techno Upright Purple Lobelia flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 20 inches

Spacing: 16 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Techno Heat

Group/Class: Techno Upright Series

Description:

Bred to withstand the summer heat, this series produces small vibrant blooms all season long; upright growth makes it ideal for containers, hanging baskets, borders and garden beds; attracts butterflies; little to no deadheading needed



Techno Upright Purple Lobelia in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Techno Upright Purple Lobelia features dainty violet flowers with purple overtones and white eyes at the ends of the stems from early spring to late summer. Its tiny ferny leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Techno Upright Purple Lobelia is an herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Techno Upright Purple Lobelia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

Techno Upright Purple Lobelia will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 16 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Techno Upright Purple Lobelia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.