Parade Spring Onion

Allium fistulosum 'Parade'



Parade Spring Onion fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 20 inches

Spread: 8 inches

Spacing: 8 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6

Description:

A vigorous upright variety grown primarily for its delicious onion flavored, dark green leaves; extra long white roots with a firm and mild flavor, perfect for adding to salads, sauces, or drying for seasoning

Edible Qualities

Parade Spring Onion is a perennial vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. The fragrant narrow dark green leaves can be harvested at any time in the season. The leaves have a mild taste with a firm texture and a pleasant fragrance.

The leaves are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Cooking
- Seasoning

Planting & Growing

Parade Spring Onion will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 20 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 8 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 8 inches apart. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round. As this plant tends to go dormant in summer, it is best interplanted with late-season bloomers to hide the dying foliage.

This plant can be integrated into a landscape or flower garden by creative gardeners, but is usually grown in a designated vegetable garden. It 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 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. 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.

Parade Spring Onion is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use 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. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.