Chapel Hill Miss Tara™ Lantana

Lantana 'Miss Tara'



Chapel Hill Miss Tara Lantana flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 8

Description:

A beautiful bright and cheery, cold hardy selection; spreading habit lends itself well to garden beds, borders and groundcover; features pink and yellow flower clusters sitting on top of fragrant dark green foliage, excellent for patio containers

Ornamental Features

Chapel Hill Miss Tara Lantana features showy cymes of pink flowers with yellow overtones at the ends of the branches from early summer to mid fall. It has dark green evergreen foliage. The fragrant pointy leaves remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Chapel Hill Miss Tara Lantana is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. 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 should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds 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.

Chapel Hill Miss Tara Lantana is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Chapel Hill Miss Tara Lantana will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. It has a low canopy. 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 is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. 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, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets. 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.

Chapel Hill Miss Tara Lantana makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. 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.