Emerald Gem Hebe

Hebe 'Emerald Gem'



Emerald Gem Hebe
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Height: 18 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7

Other Names: Shrubby Veronica

Description:

A superb, compact, rounded shrub with tiny, pointed glossy green leaves held tightly to the stems; small white flowers appear sparsely on the branch tips in summer; great for beds and borders; will tolerate some mild frost, but should be sheltered

Ornamental Features

Emerald Gem Hebe has attractive light green evergreen foliage which emerges chartreuse in spring on a plant with a mounded habit of growth. The tiny glossy pointy leaves are highly ornamental and remain light green throughout the winter. It features subtle corymbs of white flowers at the ends of the branches from mid summer to early fall.

Landscape Attributes

Emerald Gem Hebe is an open multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting birds, bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Emerald Gem Hebe is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Emerald Gem Hebe will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It has a low canopy. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This shrub 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, 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.

Emerald Gem Hebe makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. 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.