Ripple Effect Bergenia

Bergenia 'Ripple Effect'

Height: 28 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Giant Rockfoil, Largeleaf Saxifrage, Pigsqueak



Ripple Effect Bergenia flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Ripple Effect Bergenia foliage
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Description:

A compact, clump-forming selection that requires little maintenance and thrives in shade or sun; masses of white, bell shaped flowers rise above deep green foliage with serrated, wavy margins; not an evergreen variety, will go dormant over winter

Ornamental Features

Ripple Effect Bergenia features unusual spikes of white bell-shaped flowers rising above the foliage from early to mid spring. Its attractive large succulent round leaves remain forest green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Ripple Effect Bergenia is an herbaceous 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.

Ripple Effect Bergenia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting



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Planting & Growing

Ripple Effect Bergenia will grow to be about 26 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. 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 herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

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. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. 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. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. 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.

Ripple Effect Bergenia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting 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. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.