Peppermint Patty Bergenia

Bergenia 'Peppermint Patty'

Height: 22 inches

Spread: 16 inches

Spacing: 16 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Pigsqueak

Description:

Selected for large glossy, leathery, cabbage-like, deep green leaves; interesting clusters of white flowers with touches of pink rise above foliage; perfect for shady areas, water regularly but don't overwater; great coarse texture



Peppermint Patty Bergenia flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Peppermint Patty Bergenia features unusual spikes of white flowers with shell pink overtones rising above the foliage from early to late spring. Its large succulent round leaves remain dark green in color throughout the year.



Peppermint Patty Bergenia flowers
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Landscape Attributes

Peppermint Patty Bergenia is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a mounded form. 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.

Peppermint Patty Bergenia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Peppermint Patty Bergenia will grow to be about 22 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 16 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. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in partial shade to full shade. Keep it well away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. 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. 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.

Peppermint Patty Bergenia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.