Happily Ever After Bergenia

Bergenia 'Happily Ever After'



Happily Ever After Bergenia flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 22 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Giant Rockfoil, Largeleaf Saxifrage, Pigsqueak

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 in the late spring; dark red stems provide addition color and contrast

Ornamental Features

Happily Ever After Bergenia features unusual spikes of white bell-shaped flowers rising above the foliage from early to mid spring. Its large heart-shaped leaves remain forest green in color throughout the year. The dark red stems are very colorful and add to the overall interest of the plant.

Landscape Attributes

Happily Ever After Bergenia is an herbaceous evergreen 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.

Happily Ever After Bergenia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Happily Ever After Bergenia will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 22 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. 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 a location that gets morning sunlight but is shaded from the hot afternoon sun, although it will also grow in full shade. Keep it 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, 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. 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.

Happily Ever After 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. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.