Cutlass Chinese Evergreen

Aglaonema 'Cutlass'



Cutlass Chinese Evergreen in full
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 10

Description:

A popular container plant that is very easy to grow; survives poor lighting and low ventilation; dark green leaves display an interesting pattern of variegation; can be planted outdoors in warmer climates, or in containers brought inside during winter

Ornamental Features

Cutlass Chinese Evergreen's attractive pointy leaves remain green in color with showy light green variegation throughout the season on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth.

Landscape Attributes

Cutlass Chinese Evergreen is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and may require the occasional pruning to look its best. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Cutlass Chinese Evergreen is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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Planting & Growing

Cutlass Chinese Evergreen will grow to be about 4 feet 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 slow 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 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 prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided. 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 division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.