Salad Bowl Aeonium

Aeonium urbicum 'Salad Bowl'



Salad Bowl Aeonium
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Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9

Description:

A striking succulent producing huge green rosettes that look like large salad bowls; eventually forms large colonies; spikes of cream flowers in winter to spring; water deeply but infrequently; its exotic form is perfect for rock gardens and containers



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Ornamental Features

Salad Bowl Aeonium is primarily valued in the garden for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. It features dainty spikes of creamy white star-shaped flowers from mid winter to early spring. Its attractive succulent oval compound leaves emerge bluish-green in spring, turning lime green in color with hints of powder blue the rest of the year.

Landscape Attributes

Salad Bowl Aeonium is an herbaceous evergreen 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 usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. 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.

Salad Bowl Aeonium is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Salad Bowl Aeonium will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 3 feet. It grows at a slow 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 full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. Like most succulents and cacti, this plant prefers to grow in poor soils and should therefore never be fertilized. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. 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.

Salad Bowl Aeonium is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.