Clumping Curly Jade Plant

Crassula orbicularis var. rosularis



Clumping Curly Jade Plant
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Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 18 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9

Description:

A compact, clumping variety presenting pointy green leaves arranged in rosettes; foliage becomes more burgundy-red when in full sun or cool temperatures; very drought-tolerant; flowers infrequently; an excellent choice for containers and rock gardens

Ornamental Features

Clumping Curly Jade Plant's attractive succulent pointy leaves emerge light green in spring, turning grayish green in color with showy burgundy variegation and tinges of coral-pink the rest of the year on a plant with a spreading habit of growth. It is bathed in stunning corymbs of white star-shaped flowers at the ends of the stems from late winter to early spring. The coral-pink stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Clumping Curly Jade Plant is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging 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 can be pruned at anytime. 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.

Clumping Curly Jade Plant is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Clumping Curly Jade Plant will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 18 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 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 pH, but grows best in poor soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America, 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.

Clumping Curly Jade Plant 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.