Ruby Ray Chinese Evergreen

Aglaonema 'Ruby Ray'



Ruby Ray Chinese Evergreen foliage
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Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 10

Description:

A very popular container plant that is very easy to grow; survives poor lighting and low ventilation; green leaves with ruby red and pink variegation; only planted outdoors in the warmest areas and brought in during the colder seasons

Ornamental Features

Ruby Ray Chinese Evergreen's attractive pointy leaves remain green in color with showy ruby-red variegation and tinges of pink throughout the season on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth.

Landscape Attributes

Ruby Ray 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.

Ruby Ray Chinese Evergreen is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Ruby Ray Chinese Evergreen will grow to be about 3 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 does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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 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.

Ruby Ray Chinese Evergreen 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. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.