Boule de Neige Rhododendron

Rhododendron 'Boule de Neige'

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

This captivating, evergreen shrub is bathed in clusters of delicate white blooms that gives the appearance of clouds; an excellent choice to mass in groupings as an elegant focal point of the garden; must have rich acidic soil

Ornamental Features

Boule de Neige Rhododendron is bathed in stunning clusters of lightly-scented white trumpet-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches in late spring. It has grayish green evergreen foliage. The narrow leaves remain grayish green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Boule de Neige Rhododendron is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Boule de Neige Rhododendron is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use



Boule de Neige Rhododendron flowers
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Planting & Growing

Boule de Neige Rhododendron will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub does best in a location that gets morning sunlight but is shaded from the hot afternoon sun, although it will also grow in partial 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 requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is very fussy about its soil conditions and must have rich, acidic soils to ensure success, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.