Limelight Rose

Rosa 'Limelight'



Limelight Rose flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: St. Patrick Rose, Irish Luck Rose

Group/Class: Hybrid Tea Rose

Description:

This extraordinary hybrid has clear yellow blooms that grow increasingly green with age, creating a most unusual color display in the garden; produces masses of perfectly formed fully double blooms, and will tolerate heat and humidity; a beautiful accent

Ornamental Features

Limelight Rose features showy lightly-scented fully double yellow flowers with green edges at the ends of the branches from early summer to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has attractive dark green deciduous foliage which emerges red in spring. The oval compound leaves are highly ornamental and turn yellow in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Limelight Rose is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spiny

Limelight Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Limelight Rose will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. 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. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.