# **Lakeshore Garden Centres**

## Homestead Hot Pink Verbena

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# Homestead Hot Pink Verbena Verbena 'Homestead Hot Pink'

Plant Height: 4 inches
Flower Height: 6 inches

Spread: 24 inches Spacing: 28 inches

Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: (annual)
Other Names: Vervain

### **Description:**

A bright and cheerful groundcover showcasing hot pink blooms over a carpet of deep green foliage; hardy and easy to grow; mildew resistant; an excellent choice for use in beds, borders or hanging baskets

#### **Ornamental Features**

Homestead Hot Pink Verbena features showy clusters of hot pink star-shaped flowers at the ends of the stems from late spring to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its tiny tomentose narrow leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.



Homestead Hot Pink Verbena flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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### **Landscape Attributes**

Homestead Hot Pink Verbena is an herbaceous annual with a ground-hugging habit of growth. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. 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.

Homestead Hot Pink Verbena is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

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### **Planting & Growing**

Homestead Hot Pink Verbena will grow to be only 4 inches tall at maturity extending to 6 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 28 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Homestead Hot Pink Verbena is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. 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.