Summer Ice Daphne

Daphne x transatlantica 'Summer Ice'



Summer Ice Daphne flowers
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Height: 3 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Description:

A dense shrub, producing a profusion of pink blushed white blooms in clusters, over many months; ivory-edged gray green foliage; deciduous in colder climates; needs light shade and well-drained soil; never move once established

Ornamental Features

Summer Ice Daphne has clusters of fragrant white tubular flowers with shell pink overtones at the ends of the branches from late spring to early fall. It has attractive grayish green foliage edged in creamy white with hints of powder blue which emerges light green in spring. The narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain grayish green throughout the winter.



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Landscape Attributes

Summer Ice Daphne is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease

Summer Ice Daphne is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



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Planting & Growing

Summer Ice Daphne will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub 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 not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy 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, 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.

Summer Ice Daphne makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used 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 grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.