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Carefree Wonder Rose

Rosa 'Carefree Wonder'



Carefree Wonder Rose flowers
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Height: 24 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Group/Class: Shrub Rose

Description:

A spectacular shrub rose, smothered in double hot pink flowers in early summer, repeat-blooming; compact, mounded habit, quite adaptable and resistant to disease, a valuable garden shrub; all roses need full sun and well-drained soil

Ornamental Features

Carefree Wonder Rose is covered in stunning lightly-scented double hot pink flowers with a shell pink reverse at the ends of the branches from late spring to late summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The oval compound leaves turn yellow in fall. The fruits are showy tomato-orange hips displayed from mid to late fall.

Landscape Attributes

Carefree Wonder 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

Carefree Wonder Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Carefree Wonder Rose will grow to be about 24 inches 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. 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 is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Carefree Wonder Rose makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use 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 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.