



## LaDiva Imperial Lavender

*Lavandula 'LaDiva Imperial'*

Plant Height: 10 inches

Flower Height: 14 inches

Spread: 16 inches

Spacing: 14 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 7a

Other Names: *Lavandula stoechas* x *angustifolia*

Group/Class: LaDiva Series

### Description:

Lovely, with outstanding fragrance, this selection is covered with slender, lavender flower spikes with short lilac bract petals that rise above; exceptionally hardy and heat tolerant; ideal for borders, cottage gardens, and containers

### Ornamental Features

LaDiva Imperial Lavender has masses of beautiful spikes of fragrant lavender flowers with lilac purple overtones rising above the foliage from late spring to late summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has attractive grayish green evergreen foliage. The fragrant needles are highly ornamental and turn coppery-bronze in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.

### Landscape Attributes

LaDiva Imperial Lavender is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

LaDiva Imperial Lavender is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*LaDiva Imperial Lavender flowers*  
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- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

### **Planting & Growing**

LaDiva Imperial Lavender will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity extending to 14 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 16 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 14 inches apart. 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 10 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. To help this plant achieve its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for alkaline soils, 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.

LaDiva Imperial Lavender makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. 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.