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### **Breezy White Begonia**

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Breezy White Begonia Begonia 'Breezy White'

Height: 10 inches Spread: 18 inches Spacing: 14 inches Sunlight: **①** 

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Tuberous Begonia

### **Description:**

A mounded selection that presents frilly, snow white blooms among dark green pointy foliage with light green veins; excellent performance in hanging baskets, patio continuers or garden beds; season long blooming; deadhead to encourage new blooms

#### **Ornamental Features**

Breezy White Begonia features dainty white frilly flowers with yellow eyes at the ends of the stems from mid spring to mid fall. Its succulent pointy leaves remain dark green in colour with distinctive light green veins throughout the season.

#### Landscape Attributes

Breezy White Begonia is an herbaceous annual with a mounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease

Breezy White Begonia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Breezy White Begonia flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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#### **Planting & Growing**

Breezy White Begonia will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 14 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. The flower stalks can be weak and so it may require staking in exposed sites or excessively rich soils. Although it's not a true annual, this 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 be grown in a location with partial shade or which is shaded from the hot afternoon sun. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich 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 over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. 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.

Breezy White Begonia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.