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Sensational! Lavender



Sensational!® Lavender

Lavandula x intermedia 'Sensational'

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: English Lavender, Lavandin

Description:

Striking violet-blue blooms covering slightly shorter stems sets this very hardy cultivar apart; impressive silvery foliage is beautifully fragrant; excellent for borders, containers, and massing in the garden; used for sachets and perfumes

Ornamental Features

Sensational! Lavender has masses of beautiful spikes of fragrant purple flowers with blue overtones rising above the foliage from mid to late summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive fragrant needle-like leaves emerge silver in spring, turning grayish green in colour. The foliage often turns coppery-bronze in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Sensational! Lavender is a dense multi-stemmed annual with a mounded form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting 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.

Sensational! Lavender is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Sensational! Lavender flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Sensational! Lavender in bloom
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- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Sensational! Lavender will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. Although it's not a true annual, this slow-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 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. 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, 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.

Sensational! Lavender is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.