

# Stonegate Gardens

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## Explorer Pink Petunia



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*Petunia 'Explorer Pink'*

Height: 8 inches

Spread: 14 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Explorer Series

#### Description:

An early flowering, cascading and spreading series, bred for ground cover in beds and borders; large, trumpeted flowers cover green foliage in bright, bold colors; weather and salt tolerant, a good choice for coastal areas; great for hanging baskets

#### Ornamental Features

Explorer Pink Petunia is covered in stunning pink trumpet-shaped flowers at the ends of the stems from mid spring to early fall. Its pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

#### Landscape Attributes

Explorer Pink Petunia is a dense herbaceous annual with a trailing habit of growth, eventually spilling over the edges of hanging baskets and containers. 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 plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It is a good choice for attracting hummingbirds 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.

Explorer Pink Petunia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



*Explorer Pink Petunia flowers*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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### Planting & Growing

Explorer Pink Petunia will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 14 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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 or pH, 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. 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.

Explorer Pink Petunia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its trailing habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.