## **Stonegate Gardens**

### **First Light Rose**

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First Light Rose Rosa 'First Light'

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Group/Class: Shrub Rose

#### **Description:**

This modern shrub rose variety produces single, bright pink blossoms repeatedly througout the season; foliage is mid-green and glossy; creates an elegant display of color in the garden or along borders and walkways

#### **Ornamental Features**

First Light Rose features showy clusters of pink flowers at the ends of the branches from late spring to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has green deciduous foliage. The glossy oval compound leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

#### Landscape Attributes

First Light 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.

First Light Rose in bloom Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

This is a high maintenance shrub that will require regular care 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;

- Disease
- Spiny

First Light Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use





First Light Rose flowers

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#### **Planting & Growing**

First Light Rose will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. 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.