



Lemon Lime Baby Rubber Plant

Peperomia obtusifolia 'Lemon Lime'

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: American Rubber Plant, Pepper Face Plant

Description:

A beautiful plant, grown primarily for its attractive variegated foliage in shades of lime green, yellow and chartreuse; prefers bright shade, avoid direct afternoon sun; a great selection for patio containers or garden beds; does well as a houseplant

Ornamental Features

Lemon Lime Baby Rubber Plant's attractive glossy oval leaves remain lime green in color with showy lemon yellow variegation and tinges of chartreuse throughout the year on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. The burgundy stems are very colorful and add to the overall interest of the plant.

Landscape Attributes

Lemon Lime Baby Rubber Plant is an herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects

Lemon Lime Baby Rubber Plant is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Lemon Lime Baby Rubber Plant foliage

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Lemon Lime Baby Rubber Plant in full

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- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Lemon Lime Baby Rubber Plant will grow to be about 24 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 18 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. 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 does best in partial shade to full shade. Keep it well away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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 pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species. 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.

Lemon Lime Baby Rubber Plant is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. 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.