Lavender, (English) Phenomenal

Lavandula x intermedia 'Phenomenal'

Plant Height: 26 inches

Flower Height: 3 feet

Spread: 26 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: English Lavender, Lavandin

Description:

Striking bluish-purple blooms covering slightly taller 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

Lavender, (English) Phenomenal 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. It has attractive silver evergreen foliage. The fragrant needles are highly ornamental and turn coppery-bronze in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Lavender, (English) Phenomenal is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.



Lavender, (English) Phenomenal in bloom
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Lavender, (English) Phenomenal flowers
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This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, 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.

Lavender, (English) Phenomenal is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Lavender, (English) Phenomenal foliage
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Planting & Growing

Lavender, (English) Phenomenal will grow to be about 26 inches tall at maturity extending to 3 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 26 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average conditions that are neither too wet nor too dry, and is very intolerant of standing water. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active 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.

Lavender, (English) Phenomenal makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used 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 grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.