Echinacea, Cone-fections Lemon Drop Coneflower

Echinacea 'Lemon Drop'



Echinacea, Cone-fections Lemon Drop Coneflower flowers
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Height: 18 inches

Spread: 20 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Group/Class: Cone-fections Series

Description:

This lovely echinacea produces lime green buds that open to bright yellow with a green center; a perfect choice for planting in groups, along border edges, or in containers; great for flower arrangements, attracts pollinators

Ornamental Features

Echinacea, Cone-fections Lemon Drop Coneflower has masses of beautiful lightly-scented double yellow daisy flowers at the ends of the stems from late spring to late summer, which emerge from distinctive lime green flower buds, and which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Echinacea, Cone-fections Lemon Drop Coneflower is an herbaceous perennial 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 is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting birds and 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.

Echinacea, Cone-fections Lemon Drop Coneflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Echinacea, Cone-fections Lemon Drop Coneflower will grow to be about 15 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average conditions that are neither too wet nor too dry. 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 or pH. 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 division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Echinacea, Cone-fections Lemon Drop Coneflower is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

Special Attributes

Sempervivum or Hens & Chicks will need to be watered during the growing season, in the Lower Columbia Basin there isn't enough rainfall during the growing season. The amount of water and regularity depends on the your soil, the wind and the heat variables at different times.