Ninebark, Fireside

Physocarpus opulifolius 'Fireside'



Ninebark, Fireside
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Height: 7 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 2b

Other Names: Eastern Ninebark

Description:

A upright, rounded shrub with stunning foliage; copper new growth matures to deep burgundy-black, then deep purple in fall; pinkish-white flower clusters in spring; interesting peeling papery bark; extremely durable, a superb color accent

Ornamental Features

Ninebark, Fireside features showy clusters of white flowers with shell pink overtones at the ends of the branches from late spring to early summer, which emerge from distinctive pink flower buds. It has attractive burgundy foliage with hints of black which emerges coppery-bronze in spring. The serrated lobed leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding deep purple in the fall. The peeling tan bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Ninebark, Fireside is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Ninebark, Fireside is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Ninebark, Fireside flowers
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- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Ninebark, Fireside will grow to be about 7 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. 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 is a selection of a native North American species.

Special Attributes

These Ninebarks can be grown as a tree or a shrub



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