Barberry (Japanese), Sunjoy Todo

Berberis 'NCBX1'



Barberry (Japanese), Sunjoy Todo foliage
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Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6a

Description:

An outstanding variety featuring glossy, deep purple-black foliage that is semi-evergreen; golden spring blooms produce seedless, sterile berries; very showy, great as a color contrast in the landscape; plant on slopes, in beds, or as a border

Ornamental Features

Barberry (Japanese), Sunjoy Todo is primarily valued in the garden for its ornamental globe-shaped form. It has clusters of gold flowers hanging below the branches in late spring, which are interesting on close inspection. It has attractive deep purple foliage with hints of black which emerges red in spring. The small glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and turn outstanding shades of scarlet and burgundy in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Barberry (Japanese), Sunjoy Todo is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spiny

Barberry (Japanese), Sunjoy Todo is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover



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Planting & Growing

Barberry (Japanese), Sunjoy Todo will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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, 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.