



Autumn Delight Sedum
Sedum 'Autumn Delight'

Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 2b

Other Names: Autumn Stonecrop, Showy Stonecrop

Description:

A highly desirable and popular groundcover, forming a dense mound completely covered in broccoli-like shell pink flowers which fade to red in early fall, variegated chartreuse and blue-green foliage is prominent all season; needs a dry and sunny location

Ornamental Features

Autumn Delight Sedum has masses of beautiful clusters of shell pink flowers at the ends of the stems from late summer to late fall, which emerge from distinctive creamy white flower buds, and which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive large succulent oval leaves remain chartreuse in color with showy bluish-green variegation throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Autumn Delight Sedum is a dense herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.



Autumn Delight Sedum flowers
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Autumn Delight Sedum in bloom
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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 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.

Autumn Delight Sedum is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Autumn Delight Sedum will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 15 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 is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in poor 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. 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.

Autumn Delight Sedum 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. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.



Autumn Delight Sedum foliage
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