Twist of Lime™ Glossy Abelia

Abelia x grandiflora 'Hopley's'

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6

Description:

This attractive compact shrub has glossy green leaves with a twist of lime-gold variegation; tidy, mounded habit and tubular white flowers make this shrub a welcome addition to smaller spaces

Ornamental Features

Twist of Lime Glossy Abelia features dainty clusters of lightly-scented white tubular flowers with shell pink overtones at the ends of the branches from mid spring to early summer. It has attractive chartreuse-variegated grayish green foliage. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding burgundy in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Twist of Lime Glossy Abelia is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting birds, bees 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.

Twist of Lime Glossy Abelia is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Twist of Lime Glossy Abelia
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Twist of Lime Glossy Abelia foliage
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- *Mass Planting*
- *General Garden Use*
- *Container Planting*



Twist of Lime Glossy Abelia flowers
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Planting & Growing

Twist of Lime Glossy Abelia will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. 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 30 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. You may want to keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Twist of Lime Glossy Abelia makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. 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.