Joey Avocado

Persea americana 'Joey'



Joey Avocado foliage
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Height: 10 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8b

Description:

This selection produces high yields of oval, purplish fruits with a rich flavor; more cold hardy than other Mexican avocados; great for eating fresh, added to salads, or blended into sauces or dips; an excellent tropical look for bright indoor areas

Features & Attributes

Joey Avocado's attractive glossy narrow compound leaves emerge coppery-bronze, turning dark green in color throughout the year on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. It features subtle clusters of chartreuse star-shaped flowers with green overtones at the ends of the branches in mid spring. The dark green oval fruit is edible and has a mild taste and a fleshy texture. Note that in general, it can be difficult to get plants to reliably produce fruit indoors; this may be a challenge best reserved for adventurous and experienced gardeners.

This is an evergreen houseplant with an upright spreading habit of growth. This plant may benefit from an occasional pruning to look its best.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Joey Avocado can be expected to grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 60 years. This houseplant will do well in a location that gets either direct or indirect sunlight, although it will usually require a more brightly-lit environment than what artificial indoor lighting alone can provide. It does best in average to evenly moist soil, but will not tolerate standing water. The surface of the soil shouldn't be allowed to dry out completely, and so you should expect to water this plant once and possibly even twice each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soil. Contact the store for specific recommendations on pre-mixed potting soil for this plant.

There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.