Red Carpet

Crassula platyphylla



Red Carpet
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Plant Height: 8 inches

Flower Height: 12 inches

Spread: 30 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9b

Other Names: Burgundy Jade, C. nudicaluis var. platyphylla

Description:

A dense, low growing variety with green, paddle shaped foliage that flushes bright red in winter, in full sun; drought-tolerant, does well in poor soils; clusters of cream flowers in summer; perfect for mixed containers in bright indoor areas

Features & Attributes

Red Carpet features showy clusters of creamy white star-shaped flowers rising above the foliage from early to late winter. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive small succulent oval leaves remain green in color with distinctive red edges throughout the year.

This is an herbaceous evergreen houseplant with a spreading, ground-hugging habit of growth. This plant should not require much pruning, except when necessary to keep it looking its best.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Red Carpet can be expected to grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity extending to 12 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 30 inches. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 15 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 prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and may die if left in standing water for any length of time. This plant should be watered when the surface of the soil gets dry, and will need watering approximately once 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. Like most succulents and cacti, it prefers to grow in poor soils and should therefore never be fertilized. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in poor soil. Contact the store for specific recommendations on pre-mixed potting soil for this plant. Be warned that parts of this plant are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so special care should be exercised if growing it around children and pets.

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.