

Icee Blue Juniper



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Juniperus horizontalis 'Icee Blue'

Height: 8 inches

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 2b

Description:

A spectacular ground-hugging evergreen for use as a color accent groundcover, featuring steely-blue foliage all season long, reasonably compact; extremely adaptable and hardy; ideal for rock gardens and garden detail use too

Ornamental Features

Icee Blue Juniper has attractive silvery blue foliage. The scale-like leaves are highly ornamental and turn plum purple in fall. Neither the flowers nor the fruit are ornamentally significant.

Landscape Attributes

Icee Blue Juniper is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Icee Blue Juniper is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Icee Blue Juniper will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 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.



Icee Blue Juniper
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Icee Blue Juniper foliage
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This shrub 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 type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selection of a native North American species.