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Orange Crush Ice Plant

Delosperma 'Orange Crush'



Orange Crush Ice Plant flowers
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Plant Height: 2 inches

Flower Height: 3 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

Low growing carpet-like, succulent, developed to be hardier than the species; soft orange flowers with pale pink centers sit atop green, succulent foliage; perfect for xeriscapes, rock gardens, screes and sandy soils; drought tolerant once established

Ornamental Features

Orange Crush Ice Plant features showy orange daisy flowers with gold eyes and a shell pink ring rising above the foliage from early summer to mid fall. Its attractive small succulent narrow leaves are grayish green in color. As an added bonus, the foliage turns a gorgeous purple in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Orange Crush Ice Plant is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

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 bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Orange Crush Ice Plant is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Orange Crush Ice Plant will grow to be only 2 inches tall at maturity extending to 3 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. Like most succulents and cacti, this plant prefers to grow in poor soils and should therefore never be fertilized. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Orange Crush Ice Plant is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.