



Blue Cushion Lavender

Lavandula angustifolia 'Blue Cushion'

Height: 16 inches

Spread: 16 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: English Lavender, Common Lavender

Description:

This compact variety forms a rounded cushion of fragrant foliage and deep blue blooms through summer, excellent choice for low, informal hedging and in borders and formal gardens; plant near doors and walkways where the lovely scent can be appreciated

Ornamental Features

Blue Cushion Lavender has masses of beautiful spikes of fragrant sky blue flowers rising above the foliage from early to late summer, which emerge from distinctive silvery blue flower buds, and which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive fragrant needle-like leaves are grayish green in color. The foliage often turns coppery-bronze in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Blue Cushion Lavender is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with a mounded form. 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 can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting 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.

Blue Cushion Lavender is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Blue Cushion Lavender will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 16 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evergreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.



Blue Cushion Lavender flowers
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Blue Cushion Lavender in bloom
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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. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for alkaline soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Blue Cushion Lavender is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.