



Euphorbia 'Glacier Blue'

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Discovered at *Skagit Gardens*, 'Glacier Blue' has smoky blue gray, evergreen foliage edged in cream. The coloring is repeated in the intriguing flower clusters. It makes a striking specimen plant with vigor and habit stronger than other variegated *Euphorbias*. *People's Choice award-winner at the 2007 Farwest Show. PlantHaven.*

USES

'Glacier Blue' makes a great specimen and an outstanding container plant, alone or as the perfect centerpiece for drought-tolerant mixed pots. Although a little effort and time is required to produce this crop, this plant is sure to become one of the standouts of any container program.

GROWER NOTES

The following information is based on our own experience with this crop in the Pacific Northwest. Growth will vary depending on location, climate, growing medium and cultural practices. As always, where chemical use is involved, read the labels, follow the instructions and practice careful trialing methods.

- For plants ready for summer and fall sales, transplant in spring or early summer.
- Be aware that young plants need protection from freezing, harsh sun and drying winds. Do not transplant late outdoors in any but the mildest climates. To produce a quality blooming crop for early spring sales, transplant in early fall, and winter over in a cool greenhouse.
- Transplant single-stem liners without pinching. Allow plants 3–4 weeks to root into the new container, and then pinch when new growth resumes.
- If transplant is delayed and plants must be pinched in the liner flat prior to transplant, wait for visible new bud breaks

at the base before transplanting, or plants may stall.

- Always plant crowns at soil level. Allow soil to dry thoroughly between waterings and avoid overwatering to prevent root disease.
- Use a post-planting preventive fungicide drench and repeat treatments as necessary when growing in winter.
- Avoid overhead irrigation if possible, and keep fertility levels low (*Euphorbias* are light feeders) or root problems may develop.
- Pests are few, but watch for mites during hot weather. They can be easily overlooked on heavily variegated plants, until the infestation is severe.
- 'Glacier Blue' has shown some sensitivity to certain insecticides, particularly when sprayed in hot weather or when plants are very dry. Apply sprays in early morning or during cool, cloudy weather. Test all chemicals prior to any large-scale application, and avoid formulations of dinotefuran or imidacloprid.

PLANT DATA

- Height: 12–18"/18"
- Spread: 18"
- Bloom time: Feb–May
- USDA Zone: 7(0°)

APPROXIMATE FINISH TIMES

- Gallon from 72-cell liner: 26 weeks from fall transplant
- Gallon from 72-cell liner: 10–12 weeks from spring transplant

PATENT INFORMATION

Asexual propagation prohibited
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