



Euphorbia 'Tasmanian Tiger'

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This stunning, evergreen *Euphorbia* has distinctive and showy, variegated foliage with wide, cream-colored margins and dark green centers. Early spring flower bracts emerge white and cream and continue to look striking, well into summer. *Introduced by PlantHaven.*

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'Tasmanian Tiger' makes a great specimen plant and is outstanding in a container—it's equally attractive in or out of bloom. 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. Where hardy, it looks attractive year-round in beds and borders. In colder climates, it is in demand as a three-season accent in the garden or in containers.

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.

- Transplant into an area protected from freezing or harsh sun and drying winds. For summer and fall sales, transplant in spring or early summer. Do not transplant late outdoors in any but the mildest climates, but to produce a quality blooming crop for early spring sales, transplant in early fall, and winter over in a cool greenhouse.
- Always plant crowns at soil level, and allow soil to dry thoroughly between waterings.

- Use a post-planting preventive fungicide drench, and repeat treatments as necessary when growing in winter.
- Pinch single-stem liners to promote branching 3–4 weeks after transplant, when new roots have begun to develop.
- Avoid overhead irrigation if possible, and keep fertility levels low to prevent root problems (*Euphorbias* are light feeders).
- Pests are few, but watch closely for mites during hot weather, since they can be overlooked on heavily variegated plants, until the infestation has become severe.
- Some *Euphorbias* have shown sensitivity to 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 large-scale application, and use formulations of dinotefuran or imidacloprid with caution.

PLANT DATA

- Height: 12–15"/15"
- 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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