



Oenothera 'Shimmer'

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Lemon yellow, crepe paper blossoms shimmer cheerfully in the sun. The foliage is lacy, with very narrow, silvery green leaves. A smaller *Oenothera*, this one glows with light and warmth all summer, but is surprisingly tough and drought tolerant.

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'Shimmer' thrives in rockeries, at the front of a dry border or in a xeriscape. It is a great choice for the dry mountain states and very useful in otherwise difficult growing conditions such as sandy, lean soils and roadside beds.

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.

- Plant directly outdoors in full sun for best results. Plant in late summer or early fall in drier winter climates and winter over. In wet winter areas, plant in mid-spring for an early summer crop. If transplanted earlier, place in a covered area with good light and grow dry.
- Use fast-draining soil, taking care to keep crown at soil level.
- Keep plants dry and fertility low, as you would for *Sedum*, to produce lean and compact growth. Low light levels, overwatering or excess feeding will yield leggy plants of poor quality.
- If necessary, pinch first shoots to promote branching and compact habit.
- Apply Sumagic® (uniconazole) at 5 ppm to keep plants from getting leggy and to prolong shelf life.

PLANT DATA

- Height: 10–12"/12"
- Spread: 15"
- Bloom time: May–Aug
- USDA Zone: 4(-30°)

APPROXIMATE FINISH TIMES

- Gallon from 72-cell liner: 8–10 weeks from spring transplant
- Gallon from 72-cell liner: 30–36 weeks from fall transplant

PATENT INFORMATION

Asexual propagation prohibited
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