Double Play® Red Spirea

Spiraea japonica 'SMNSJMFR'



Double Play Red Spirea flowers
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Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4

Group/Class: Double Play Series

Description:

This variety features dark burgundy emerging foliage that transitions to a rich green; breakthrough red flower color transitions to pink in early summer; has a dense mounded habit perfect for landscapes

Ornamental Features

Double Play Red Spirea features showy clusters of red flowers at the ends of the branches from late spring to early summer, which emerge from distinctive dark red flower buds. It has forest green deciduous foliage which emerges burgundy in spring. The serrated pointy leaves turn an outstanding brick red in the fall.



Double Play Red Spirea in bloom
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Landscape Attributes

Double Play Red Spirea is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting 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.

Double Play Red Spirea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- *Mass Planting*
- *General Garden Use*
- *Groundcover*

Planting & Growing

Double Play Red Spirea will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. 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.



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