Plant Finder

First Prize Rose

Rosa 'First Prize'

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Group/Class: Hybrid Tea Rose



First Prize Rose flowers
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Description:

A striking hybrid tea rose that is hardy and upright producing high centered two tone pink double blooms that are fragrant, contrasting the deep dark green foliage, appearing to float above it; a tremendous focal point in the garden or borders

Ornamental Features

First Prize Rose is covered in stunning fragrant double pink flowers with hot pink streaks at the ends of the branches from early summer to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The oval compound leaves turn yellow in fall.

Landscape Attributes

First Prize Rose is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a high maintenance shrub that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting bees to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease
- Spiny

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First Prize Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

First Prize Rose will grow to be about 5 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, and is suitable for planting under power lines. 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 does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.