

This Week's Featured Shrub



*Syringa (Commonly Known as the 'Lilac')
(Image of 'President Grevy')*

The symbol of first love, the Lilac is a classic garden shrub that bears delightfully fragrant, tubular flowers reminding us that spring is here. While only blooming for about 3 weeks or so out of the year Lilacs are great planted in mass or along shrub borders. The flowers are beloved for bouquets and when in bloom hummingbirds and butterflies embellish them.

The Lilac does best in full sun environments and is easily adaptable. It prefers to be grown in reasonably fertile, well-drained soil and favors neutral to slightly alkaline soil. Plant the Lilac in an area that has good air circulation to help prevent disease.

(Source: <http://www.finegardening.com/lilac-syringa#ixzz4ZXvDxS34>)

Why We Love it

- Wonderfully fragrant
- Very hardy for colder areas and benefits from the elements of winter
- Thomas Jefferson loved Lilacs and often wrote about them
- Lilacs form a good privacy hedge
- Trim the Lilac shortly after the last of the blooms

The Lilac blooms on old wood and sets their buds early for the next season. Because of that it is ideal to trim your Lilac shortly after it is done blooming, but before the new buds form for the next spring



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