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Storm Cloud Agapanthus

Agapanthus 'Storm Cloud'

Plant Height: 15 inches

Flower Height: 4 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Lily of the Nile

Description:

This variety produces luxurious green foliage that becomes reddish-purple in winter; violet-blue flowers appear in mid-summer on tall stems; a perfect accent planting in the garden or massed along borders



Storm Cloud Agapanthus flowers
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Ornamental Features

Storm Cloud Agapanthus features bold clusters of violet trumpet-shaped flowers rising above the foliage from early to mid summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its narrow leaves remain dark green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Storm Cloud Agapanthus is an herbaceous annual with a rigidly upright and towering form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Storm Cloud Agapanthus is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



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Planting & Growing

Storm Cloud Agapanthus will grow to be about 15 inches tall at maturity extending to 4 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 3 feet. Although it's not a true annual, this plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant performs well in both full sun and full shade. 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 somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Storm Cloud Agapanthus is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

