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Lightning StrikeToad Lily

Tricyrtis 'Lightning Strike'

Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Toadlily



Lightning StrikeToad Lily foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Description:

This selection forms a stunning mound of green and gold streaked leaves; orchid-like flowers of pale lavender-white with purple spots appear in late summer or early fall,; deserves a spot where it can be seen up close; excellent as a cut flower

Ornamental Features

Lightning StrikeToad Lily has lavender orchid-like flowers with white overtones and deep purple spots at the ends of the stems from late summer to early fall, which are interesting on close inspection. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its oval leaves remain green in colour with showy gold variegation throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Lightning StrikeToad Lily is an open herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Lightning StrikeToad Lily is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens



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Planting & Growing

Lightning StrikeToad Lily will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 15 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in partial shade to shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. 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.