



## Little Spire Russian Sage

*Perovskia 'Little Spire'*

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 4a

### Description:

Compact variety; Airy spires of soft lavender flowers over silvery dissected foliage

### Ornamental Features

Little Spire Russian Sage features delicate spikes of lavender flowers rising above the foliage from early summer to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive tiny fragrant narrow leaves emerge silver in spring, turning grayish green in color throughout the season. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

### Landscape Attributes

Little Spire Russian Sage is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cut back to the ground in late winter before active growth resumes. 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.

Little Spire Russian Sage is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Little Spire Russian Sage flowers*  
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*Little Spire Russian Sage in bloom*  
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## Gertens Plant Info.

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

### **Planting & Growing**

Little Spire Russian Sage will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches apart. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for alkaline soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Little Spire Russian Sage 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. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our store for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

### **Gertens Sizes and Prices**

#1 container - \$8.99 \* Sizes and availability are subject to change. Please check with the store for specific details.

