

# Emerald Goddess Gardens

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<b>Botanical Name</b>	<b>Leucophyllum frutescens</b>
<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Texas sage, ash bush, silverleaf</b>
<b>Mature Size</b>	<b>3' to 5' x 3'</b>
<b>Plant Family</b>	<b>Scrophulariaceae</b>
<b>Bloom Color</b>	<b>Purple</b>
<b>Bloom Period</b>	<b>Summer</b>
<b>Boom Form</b>	<b>Small cup shape</b>
<b>Water</b>	<b>Minimal once well established</b>
<b>Light</b>	<b>Best in full sun</b>
<b>USDA Zone</b>	<b>07/10/12</b>
<b>Fragrance</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Uses</b>	<b>Hedge, accent, rock garden, potted</b>
<b>Special Features</b>	<b>Easy, carefree growth, bright color</b>



Texas sage is one of the easiest care and most versatile plants available for Southern landscapes. It can withstand extend periods of drought, moderately low temperatures, the scalding summer heat of both the dry desert or the steamy tropics. It doesn't mind salt spray, and as long as the soil drains well, it will tolerate a wide range in ph, and actually prefers to not be fed too often. Actually growing in rich soil and or frequent feeding will decrease bloom.

Texas sage grows slowly and does not require frequent pruning. It prefers full sun and can withstand and is a good choice for hot dry areas where other plants might not thrive.

The soft silver velvet textured foliage is attractive and adds interesting color and texture when Texas Sage is not blooming. When the five lobed tubular flowers begin to emerge in mid summer the bright purple is a very showy and attractive contrast. The bloom is showy and long lasting.

For the best results with your new Texas Sage Plant:

Direct planting of 4 inch pots is not generally recommended, so when your new plant arrives:

- Immediately repot into a 8 inch to 10 inch diameter pot with good drainage holes.
- Use a good quality commercial potting media.
- Take care not to overwater.
- Apply a high quality slow release plant food.
- Prune lightly and often to encourage branching.
- Allow the new plant to grow larger and fill the new pot with roots before setting out.
- Protect from frost and freeze.

When your new plant has grown large enough to set out:

- Plant in soil that is very well draining
- Locate in the full sun
- Provide moderate irrigation until well established
- Take care not to overwater mature plants
- Use plant food sparingly
- Prune lightly to encourage dense inner branching

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