

SNOW DAY® Surprise



Exochorda x 'Niagara'
pp#21,665, cbr#4768
Common name: pearl-bush



Landscape Info:	
USDA/AHS zones:	USDA 4/AHS 8
Mature height:	3-4'/.9-1.2 m
Exposure:	Part-full sun
Irrigation:	Moderate

Features & Benefits:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spring blooming shrub with spherical, pearl-like flower buds - Compact habit is ideal for residential landscaping - Attractive blue-green ovoid foliage - A reliable bloomer and excellent companion to spring flowering bulbs.

Cultural info:		
pH Level:	5.6 - 6.2	
Nutrient Needs:	High	
EC (2:1 extract):	0.6 – 0.9	
Light Level:	Moderate to high	
Watering:	Average	
Rooting Out Temp:	65 – 72° F/18.3 – 22.2° C	
Overwintering Temp:	Polyhouse, no heat (where hardy)	
Sales Window:	Spring-fall (spring bloom)	
Blooms On:	Old wood	
Trimming/pruning:	Trim 1-3 times	
Vernalization:	Required	
Vigor Rating:	Average	
Finish Size	Liner Size	Weeks of Active Growth to Finish
1 gallon	2 ¼" • 4" • QT	12-14 • 11-13 • 10-12
2-3 gallon	1 gal shift	+ 10-12

Grower Tips:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faster and easier to produce than 'The Bride.' This dwarf variety finishes in the same time frame as other exochorda but will be a slightly smaller plant. • Spring flowering shrub is easy to ship in bud or bloom for sales alongside pansies and other spring color programs. • This plant flowers on old wood, so dormant and spring trimming will remove flower buds. Trim the first season and sell the second season. • Flower development is impacted by heat and light; plants can be held in cool (approx 45° F/7.2° C) conditions if necessary to time shipments. • We do not recommend potting any sized liner directly to a 3 gallon container. Rather, use a 1 gallon shift, adding 10-12 weeks on to the time it takes to produce the 1 gallon.
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