

FIZZY MIZZY™

Itea virginica 'SMNIVMM'
ppaf, cbraf
Common name: sweetspire



Landscape Info:	
USDA zones:	USDA 5-9
Mature height:	2-3'/.6-.9 m
Exposure:	Part-full sun
Irrigation:	Average

Features & Benefits:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upward-pointing flower spikes lend a whole new look to itea. - Fragrant native shrub with a compact habit. - Not noted for fall color like other itea. - One of the most shade-tolerant shrubs.



Cultural info:		
pH Level:	5.6 - 6.2	
Nutrient Needs:	Average to 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 – see notes)	
Sales Window:	All season (early summer bloom, fall color)	
Blooms On:	Old wood	
Trimming/pruning:	Trim 2-4 times	
Vernalization:	Required	
Vigor Rating:	Average	
Finish Size	Liner Size	Weeks of Active Growth to Finish
1 gallon	2 ¼" • 4" • QT	14-16 • 13-15 • 12-14
2 - 3 gallon	2 ¼" • 4" • QT	18-22 • 16-20 • 14-18

Grower Tips:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In colder climates, itea can incur winter damage. Overwinter in a protected area above freezing to minimize. In warmer climates, it may be overwintered in a polyhouse with no heat. • Trim often and keep well-watered and fertilized to encourage it to fill out the container. • Dormant and spring pruning will remove flower buds. Spend the first year trimming to develop the plant, stopping in late July to allow the flower buds to form. Sell the second season. • Do not sell the plant while dormant, especially in cold climates, as there may be some winter kill.
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