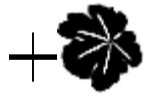




## Variegated Liriope

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- **Category:** Groundcover
- **Type:** Perennial
- **Exposure:** Sun / Shade
- **Flowers:** Lilac-Purple
- **Fruit:** Blue / Black
- **Foliage:** Light Green
- **Form:** Clump
- **Maximum Growth:** Approx. 8" to 12" tall
- **Zones:** 7 to 10
- **Drought Tolerance:** Moderate
- **Scientific Name:** *Liriope muscari 'Variegata'*
- **Usage:** Accent, Mass, Groundcover, Border



### Introduction

Variegated leaves and attractive, violet-blue flowers give this plant its charm. Variegated Liriope is a 6 to 12 inch tall herbaceous perennial that is useful in the landscape as a ground cover and accent plant. The 8 – 20 inch long, grass-like leaves have a yellow stripe on their outer margin and arise from a central crown. The small, purple flowers occur in terminal racemes that sit atop an 8 – 10 inch tall, violet-brown scape. These flowers appear in the summer and are followed by blue-black berrylike fruits. Flowers are mostly inconspicuous due to the brightly colored foliage.

### Use and Management

Variegated Liriope is a great plant for bordering a sidewalk or as an edging for a landscape bed. It will grow well underneath trees or around shrubs. However, it will not tolerate foot traffic. Variegated Liriope will grow in a sunny location, but prefers one that has partial shade or full shade. It prefers well-drained soils and is moderately tolerant of drought and salt spray. This plant has a negative reaction to high temperatures and can melt out in warm weather. Shear this plant back in spring with a sharp mower blade. This will encourage a flush of new growth. Do this before the new growth emerges. Liriope is easily propagated by division in early spring.

### Planting

- Available in 2", 4", 6" pots or 1 gal containers.
- Suggested plant spacing are: 6" to 9" OC for 2" or 4" pots, 12" to 18" OC for 1 gal containers, Plant in triangular spacing.
- **Bed Preparation:** Spread 3" of bed mix in ground cover beds, Till 6" deep, rake beds to drain away from structure. Plant. Topdress with 2" of double ground (fine) hardwood mulch.
- Hand water in after planting
- Set sprinkler controller to water beds: Once every two days for two weeks in spring and early fall. Once a day for two weeks when temperatures reach 98+ degrees.
- Have Owner monitor moisture and report over or under watering immediately. After two weeks reassess the watering needs, and set at twice a week thereafter.

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