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Oleander

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- **Category:** Shrubs
- **Type:** Broadleaf Evergreen
- **Exposure:** Full Sun / Part Shade
- **Blooms:** Summer
- **Flowers:** Pink
- **Foliage:** Dark Green
- **Form:** Upright
- **Maximum Growth:** Approx. 20'h x 10'w
- **Zones:** 8 to 10
- **Drought Tolerance:** High
- **Scientific Name:** *Oleander*
- **Usage:** Ornamental, Specimen, Screen, Accent, Foundation, Mass



Introduction

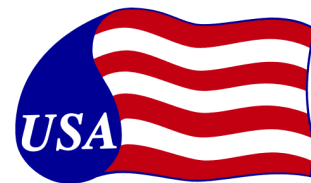
This fast growing evergreen shrub can reach up to 20 feet tall but is usually seen trimmed at 6 to 10 feet. It forms a rounded mound to about 10 foot wide. It is a tough, versatile plant with showy summertime flowers in white, red, pin, salmon and light yellow. Leathery, lance shaped leaves range from about 4 to 10 inches depending on the variety and are bright green. Oleanders have a tendency to become leggy-overgrown plants and should be pruned as needed to maintain a nice shape.

Use and Management

Use Oleander for screens, informal hedges, colorful accents, beach plantings, and cityscapes. By removing suckers, and leaving just a few stems, Oleander can be formed into very attractive small trees. Oleander is suitable for container gardens and is a fine choice for bringing color into greenhouses and conservatories.

Additional Characteristics

- **Soil Moisture:** Moist, well-drained
- **Soil Types/Tolerance:** N/A
- **Uses:** Screens, informal hedges, accents
- **Additional Features:** Fragrant flowers
- **Special Resistance:** Good ability to survive heat and exhaust
- **Special Note:** Some sources indicate to restrict planting around playgrounds or other areas frequented by young children and pets due to the **toxicity** if ingested



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Planting

- Available in 3 and 5 gal containers
- Suggested plant spacing are:
 - Plant 36" OC
- 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.

