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EMPIRE[®] NORTHER LIGHTS[™] SPIRAEA

Spiraea japonica
'DAVCOP01' PP 31,996

SELLING FEATURES

- Compact selection with tri-colored foliage. New growth showing red which ages to yellow and then light green. Showing most intense foliage color in spring and fall.
- Excellent landscape choice for colder climates; hardy to zone 4.
- Produces masses of pink flowers that sporadically rebloom throughout the season.
- Flowers self-clean better than other varieties, maintaining a clean look throughout the season.



Fig 1: In ground planting of Empire[®] Northern Lights[™] Spiraea.



Fig 2: Self-cleaning flowers of Empire[®] Northern Lights[™] Spiraea.

GENERAL INFORMATION

LIGHT:	Full sun
MATURE SIZE:	3–4' h x 3–4' w
NATURAL BLOOM SEASON:	Summer with sporadic rebloom through fall
USDA HARDINESS:	Zone 4–9
USES:	Container, specimen, mass plantings, foundation, mixed border

PROPAGATION INFORMATION

TIME OF YEAR:	May–June
TYPE OF WOOD:	Semi-hardwood; Minimum 2–3 nodes with 1 node below the soil
ROOTING HORMONE:	3000ppm IBA-talc
TIME TO FULLY ROOTED:	4–6 weeks
TRIMS:	One trim minimum recommended in liner stage.

FINISHING INFORMATION

MEDIA:	Standard Ornamental Nursery Mix
MEDIA PH:	5.5–6.0
MEDIA EC:	1.0–1.5
MOISTURE:	Maintain even moisture in well drained soil.
FERTILIZER:	13-5-9 Harrell's 8–9 month slow release feed, top dressed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20 grams in 1 gallon• 40 grams in 2 gallon• 60 grams in 3 gallon
COMMON PESTS & DISEASE:	Watch for aphids. Root rot and leaf spot can occur in periods of excessive watering.
TRIMMING:	Recommend one trim in the first year of production to bulk.
PGRS:	None needed
FINISHING TIMES:	<i>1 gallon:</i> Shift 21c in early spring. Plants will be saleable in summer. <i>3 gallon:</i> Shift 21c in early spring. Overwinter containers. Plants will be saleable the following spring.



Fig 3: Improved habit and foliage color of Empire® Northern Lights™ Spiraea (left) versus commercial variety (right).

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