



# Golden Madonna Chinese Evergreen

Aglaonema 'Golden Madonna'

Hardiness Zone: 10b

## **Description:**

A popular plant that is very easy to grow; prefers bright, indirect light, shaded from hot afternoon sun; interesting white stems are topped with green foliage with golden yellow and cream variegation; prefers well-drained, moist soils

#### **Ornamental Features**

Golden Madonna Chinese Evergreen's attractive pointy leaves remain green in color with showy gold variegation throughout the season on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. The white stems are very colorful and add to the overall interest of the plant.

### **Landscape Attributes**

Golden Madonna Chinese Evergreen is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and may require the occasional pruning to look its best. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects

Golden Madonna Chinese Evergreen is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent



Golden Madonna Chinese Evergreen foliage Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Golden Madonna Chinese Evergreen in full Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



## **Planting & Growing**

Golden Madonna Chinese Evergreen will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant should be grown in a location with partial shade. Keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.