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PLANT CHARACTERISTICS

Size

2 - 10' high, 2 – 12' wide

Sun/Shade

Full Sun

Water

Medium

Maintenance

Low

Life Span

Perennial, Zones 3b-8

Description

Forsythia is the genus of flowering plants in the olive family. There are about 11 species of forsythia with the similar characteristic of early spring flowering of yellow, bell-like flowers before the first sign of any foliage. The leaves will turn color later in the season to yellow, maroon or purple depending on the soil and sun exposure. Forsythia grows well in most soil types but produces the best blooms in full sun. Plants that are grown Zones 3-5 may not flower due to harsh winter temperatures or late winter freezes. Forsythia should be pruned after spring flowering to avoid unkempt growth but pruning after mid-July will remove flower buds for the following spring. The deciduous shrub can be cut back to near ground level every 3-4 years. Branches that touch the ground will root and expand its footprint which makes this a great border or hedge shrub. Forsythia has no serious insect or disease problems and is deer resistant.

Source: [Clemson Cooperative Extension](#)



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