Persian Shield

Today on Gardening in a Minute: Persian shield.

Need a plant that can make your summer beds come alive?

Persian shield is a shrub-like tropical perennial that offers high-impact color with its bold foliage.

The large leaves grow up to eight inches long, but their color is the most striking. The leaves are a rich purple with a silvery sheen and dominant green veins.

Plant Persian shield either in landscape beds or in large containers in rich, well-drained soil, and be sure to water regularly.

Persian shield prefers bright filtered shade or morning sun, and should be protected from mid-day sun in the summer.

If it’s not protected during cold weather, Persian shield will freeze back. It usually regrows from the roots, and you can also take cuttings in the fall to plant in your garden next year.

For more information about Persian shield and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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