

Spark Plug Autumn Goldenrod



Solidago 'Spark Plug'

- **Thrives in poor to fertile soil conditions.**
- **Planted in mass, as a border or in a mixed container, it is a long-blooming perennial that is a must-have for all butterfly gardens.**
- **Goldenrods have been wrongfully accused of causing hay fever which is actually an allergic reaction to wind-borne pollen from other plants such as ragweed which flower at the same time and may be growing close together.**
- **Use:** This diminutive beauty is exceptionally compact with bright, light yellow flowers beginning in late summer and lasting well into fall. It is versatile, easy to grow and combines well with purple and pink asters both in the garden and in a container. Great as a cut flower, it is also very attractive to butterflies. It can be successfully used as an edging or container plant in formal spaces and cottage gardens or incorporated in naturalistic settings as a specimen or groundcover. A season-extending bloomer for the perennial garden and containers, this gold color is the perfect complement for fall leaves and big orange pumpkins.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full to part sun. Prefers well-drained soil. Drought tolerant once established.
- **Growth:** From a slowly spreading rhizome, the stalks emerge upward in late spring, topping out at 12-16" tall and 12-16" wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4b-9a; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. The leaves are rough, long, and thin. Demonstrates improved resistance to common foliar diseases such as powdery mildew.
- **Flower:** Condensed flower spikes produce blooms from late summer to October that are frequented by late season pollinators. Cut back when it is done blooming for a second flush of flowers.