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## Petite Oleander

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- **Category:** Shrubs
- **Type:** Broadleaf Evergreen
- **Exposure:** Full Sun / Part Shade
- **Blooms:** Summer
- **Flowers:** Pink
- **Foliage:** Dark Green
- **Form:** Upright
- **Maximum Growth:** Approx. 4' h x 6' w
- **Zones:** 8 to 10
- **Drought Tolerance:** High
- **Scientific Name:** *Oleander 'Petite'*
- **Usage:** Ornamental, Specimen, Screen, Accent, Foundation, Mass



### Introduction

Oleander Petite is a compact evergreen shrub growing only 4 foot tall with a 6 foot spread. This Oleander bears clusters of soft pink 1-inch blooms with yellow throats from April through November. Oleanders are very drought and salt tolerant once established which makes them an excellent shrub for coastal and Xeric plantings. Leathery, lance shaped are about 4 inches long and are bright green. Oleanders have a tendency to become leggy-overgrown plants and should be pruned as needed to maintain a nice shape.

### Use and Management

Use Oleander for screens, informal hedges, colorful accents, beach plantings, and cityscapes. By removing suckers, and leaving just a few stems, Oleander can be formed into very attractive small trees. Oleander is suitable for container gardens and is a fine choice for bringing color into greenhouses and conservatories.

### Additional Characteristics

- **Soil Moisture:** Moist, well-drained
- **Uses:** Screens, informal hedges, accents
- **Special Features:** Fragrant flowers
- **Special Resistance:** Good ability to survive heat and exhaust
- **Special Note:** Some sources indicate to restrict planting around playgrounds or other areas frequented by young children and pets due to the **toxicity** if ingested.



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## Planting

- Available in 3 and 5 gal containers
- Suggested plant spacing are: Plant 36" OC
- Bed Preparation:
  - Spread 3" of bed mix in ground cover beds
  - Till 6" deep, rake beds to drain away from structure
  - Plant
  - Topdress with 2" of double ground (fine) hardwood mulch.
- Hand water in after planting
- Set sprinkler controller to water beds:
  - Once every two days for two weeks in spring and early fall.
  - Once a day for two weeks when temperatures reach 98+ degrees.
  - Have Owner monitor moisture and report over or under watering immediately.
- After two weeks reassess the watering needs, and set at twice a week thereafter.

