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**FACT SHEET**  
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**Color Flash™ Lime**  
*Astilbe Hybrid (arendsii X)*  
*Introduced Spring 2006*

Color Flash Lime is second in the Color Flash family of fabulously foliated astilbes. Scheduled for U.S. release in spring 2006, Color Flash Lime has glossy, gold/lime green foliage that shines in landscape or container. It's a strong solo performer and a harmonious consort to its tricolor cousin, the original Color Flash.

Color Flash Lime thrives in partial shade. Hardy in USDA zones 4 through 8, Color Flash Lime's small pale-pink flowers form a pleasing, plume-like inflorescence that extends 10+ inches above the foliage. It blooms from late spring through mid-summer and likes to be well watered

**Color Flash™ Lime at a Glance:**

- light gold/lime green foliage
- great for mass planting
- compact growth habit
- flowers from late spring through mid-summer
- foliage looks great all season long
- excellent for containers and landscape plantings

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**FACTS ABOUT COLOR FLASH™ LIME**

**Botanical Name:** *Astilbe Hybrid (arendsii X)*

**Hardiness:** Hardy in USDA zones 4 through 8.

**Flower Color:** Pale pink

<b>Flowering Period:</b>	Flowers late spring through early summer (June & July in zone 7, for example).
<b>Flower Size:</b>	Small individual flowers with a plume-like inflorescence that extends 10 inches above the foliage.
<b>Number of Flowers:</b>	5-9 plume-like inflorescences on a 12-month-old plant
<b>Fragrance:</b>	Not fragrant.
<b>Foliage:</b>	Glossy, gold/lime green foliage
<b>Plant/Size:</b>	6 to 10 inches tall by 20 inches wide. Flower spikes 20 inches tall (rising 10 to 15 inches above the foliage).
<b>Growth Habit:</b>	Compact growth habit.
<b>Suggested Uses:</b>	Ideal for containers, beds, borders and the landscape.

### CULTURAL REQUIREMENTS

<b>Soil Needs:</b>	Does best in well-worked, well-drained soil with good organic matter. Prefers slightly acid soil. Avoid heavy clay soil with poor drainage
<b>Light Needs:</b>	Does best in partial shade (morning sun, afternoon shade).
<b>Water Needs:</b>	Moderate to high water requirements. Plant does not perform well in overly dry conditions.
<b>Spacing:</b>	Plant 15 to 24 inches apart.
<b>Fertilizer:</b>	Controlled release fertilizer (20-20-20) is recommended in spring and late summer.
<b>Pruning/ Pinching</b>	
<b>Special Care:</b>	Do not allow to dry out.
<b>Disease</b>	Under severe disease conditions, can develop powdery mildew.
<b>Tolerance:</b>	
<b>Pest Issues:</b>	Generally pest-free, though can be susceptible to spider mites.