



ARIZONA-SONORA  
DESERT  
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## ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM PLANT CARE INFORMATION

### **Lechugilla** *Agave lechugilla*

**DESCRIPTION:** - This is a small to mid-sized century plant is native only to the Chihuahuan Desert (and is an indicator plant for that region. Individual rosettes are as much as 2' across, soon clumping through suckering to form colonies. Flowers are purplish-yellow and occur on spikes of up to 8' tall. The flowering rosette dies after reproduction (5-15 years old), but the pups live on. Roots of the plant were used as soap by indigenous people

**RECOMMENDED USE:** Use as an accent or specimen in a small garden, rock garden, for its form and rich green color, in a desert landscape or xeriscape, or a patio container.

#### **CULTURE:**



**Hardiness:** Cold hardy to at least 10°F.



**Sun tolerance:** Full sun to light shade. It will become floppy in too much shade.



**Watering and feeding:** Low water use once established in the ground. Water weekly in containers. Feeding not necessary in the ground.



**Soil requirements:** Any soil that drains will do.



**Pruning:** None necessary.