

## ALLEGANY PACHYSANDRA PRODUCTION AND CONSUMER CARE

### INTRODUCTION

- Common name: Allegany spurge or Allegany pachysandra
- Scientific name: *Pachysandra procumbens*
- Native to the southeastern United States
- Low spreading perennial, evergreen in warm climates
- Grows up to 6-12" high
- Leaves are dark green with toothed edges
- Pink and white flowers grow in spiked clusters
- Leaves become mottled with silver in early fall
- Often used as a ground cover in shady areas
- Less invasive and less disease-prone than Japanese pachysandra (*Pachysandra terminalis*)
- Hardy in zones 4-10

### GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

- Prefers partial to full shade
- Leaves turn a lighter green if grown in full sun
- Media should be kept consistently moist

- Prefers acidic media

### PROPAGATION

- Best propagated by division of roots
- Cut at joints in rhizomes
- Pot 2-4" pieces of root and cover with ½" of media
- Space new plants 8-12" apart in the garden
- Can be propagated by leaf cuttings taken in spring

### DISORDERS

- Rarely troubled by pests or diseases, including scale insects and foliar blight that trouble Japanese pachysandra

### CONSUMER CARE

- Commonly used as ground cover in shady areas
- Spreads slowly to fill an area; not as aggressive as Japanese pachysandra
- Flowers are very fragrant
- Can be used for erosion control on sloped banks

### CULTIVARS AND SPECIES

- *Pachysandra procumbens*
  - 'Eco Treasure': variegated leaves

- 'Forest Green'
- 'Pixie': miniature variety growing 4" tall

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