Ice Plant
*Carpobrotus edulis*

The plant stays low to the ground or will cascade over a retaining wall. Flowers are produced on a regular basis. Ice plants are regularly irrigated in the desert, California climate. However, in Florida root rot may be the greatest concern in an irrigated landscape. Try locating it in a place where drainage is exceptionally good (on a sandy ridge, for example) and where irrigation does not reach.

**Type:** perennial

**USDA hardiness zones:** 7b through 11

**Uses:** ground cover

**Origin:** not native to North America

**Height:** 6 to 12 inches

**Spread:** Depends on support structure

**Plant spacing:** 24 to 36 inches

**Light requirement:** full sun

**Soil tolerances:** sand; loam; acidic; loam

**Drought tolerance:** high

**Soil salt tolerances:** unknown

**Invasive potential:** aggressive, spreading plant

**Pest resistance:** very sensitive to one or more pests or diseases which can affect plant health or aesthetics

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