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### Fluorescent Spurge or Gopher Plant *Euphorbia rigida*

**DESCRIPTION:** A small to medium semi-succulent evergreen subshrub to 3' tall. Foliage and stems are a striking blue-green in color. All parts contain milky sap. It is this sap, in the roots, that supposedly repels gophers; hence its common name. Early spring brings on showy clusters of chartreuse flower bracts. Fluorescent Spurge is native to dry, rocky slopes around the Mediterranean region.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** Use for foliage color, flowering accent, ground cover, border, enhanced desert landscape or xeriscape, or in a patio container.

#### CULTURE:



**Hardiness:** Very cold and heat hardy in Tucson.



**Sun tolerance:** Full sun to light shade.



**Watering and feeding:** Low water use. No feeding necessary in the ground.



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



**Pruning:** After flowering, prune back old stems.