HARDY ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

The use of ornamental grasses in the landscape is increasing as people are starting to recognize their beauty in a shrub bed or as an accent plant. Most ornamental grasses are very tolerant of heat and drought and will grow in areas where other plants fail.

Sun and Soil:
Grasses do best planted in a good, well-drained soil. Most varieties prefer full sun, however a few will grow well in partial shade. Mulch in late fall to keep the moisture in and the weeds out.

Size:
Easily identify the mature heights and width on plant tags. This will assure the proper plant for your space.

Color:
Choose from a selection of green, blue, gold, and tints of red. Some are even striped or banded. Many varieties add color in the fall by turning muted shades of gold or russet. This adds depth and year-round interest in the garden and landscape.

Visual Effects & Habitat:
Grasses are graceful all spring and summer, yet strong in the winter. We recommend leaving all winter long and let the snow and frost collect for a striking appearance. The old stems should be cut back in the spring to allow room for the new growth. Grasses also help provide safe harbor to many wild birds.

Did you know?
The feathery seed heads dry beautifully for indoor arrangements. Simply cut the stalks before the seed ripens and hang them upside down in a dark, dry place.

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OUR FAVORITES

Karl Forester
- Care free & upright
- Blooms early summer
- #1 Customer favorite

Dwarf Fountain
- Superior reliability year after year
- Showy seed heads late summer thru fall

Green Maiden
- Solid performer
- Seed heads impressive fall thru winter
- Golden fall color

Shenandoah Switch
- Tints of red with green make it great
- We love the airy seed heads in fall and winter
- Rich burgundy fall color

Northwind Switch
- Completely upright
- Blue-green leaves
- Showy seed heads in fall

All Gold Japanese Forest
- A grass for the shade
- Plant for visual appeal with contrasting colors

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