

TIPS AND FAQs

UPON ARRIVAL

When you receive your plants, immediately open the package to give your plants some fresh air and remove your plants from the box. Preferably open your box outside or somewhere that you don't mind getting messy, as some of the soil may have been shaken loose in transit.

Remove the plastic bag and sleeve from around the potted plant and discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil.

WATER

Water your plants immediately after taking them out of the box. Give them enough water so that the soil appears damp and water trickles out the bottom of the pot.

IF PLANTS APPEAR DRY

Sometimes plants may appear dried out and wilted after the voyage. Do not despair. Generally, when this happens the foliage may look lackluster but the rootstock is still perfectly healthy and alive. To plump your plants back up, water them and wait 5 minutes and then water them again. This will generally rehydrate them. Keep these plants well-watered until you can re-plant them into larger containers or in the garden.

If plants arrive dry, it is often because the roots have outgrown the small shipping pots and need more room to grow; roots tend to dry out quickly in small containers. This also means your plants are very much alive and when you transplant them into larger pots or the earth, they will start growing quickly! So, re-plant them as soon as possible.

YELLOW, BROWN, OR LIMP FOLIAGE

When you receive your plants, there may be some yellowed or browned foliage on the plant. This is normal. Cut those leaves off. If the tips of foliage is browned, simply cut those off at an angle.

If the foliage appears a bit limp, you may cut the foliage back to just above the soil line. This will give your plant a chance to restart while also producing bushier, thicker growth.

TIME TO PLANT!

Your plants are now ready to be replanted! Pick a large container or area of the garden that you wish to place your plants. Give the soil you are about to plant into a nice deep watering before planting your plant. Pop your plants out of the shipping containers, replant, and water again.

We recommend replanting in the morning or evening when outside temperatures are not at extremes. This will allow for proper water uptake from the roots.

TIPS

These compact varieties of Fountain Grass are very fast growers, filling out within a month or two. Because these grasses are not winter hardy, if you live where winter temperatures stay below freezing for a long time, we recommend planting them in containers. Then once nights stay below about 40F, bring your containers indoors in your garage, basement, or wherever you can. Take them back outside the following spring once temperatures are consistently above 40F.

Fountain Grass will become relatively drought tolerant once established, generally after the first season. However, if planted in containers they will still need regular watering.

WHERE TO PLANT

These grasses are perfect for hot, dry gardens or courtyards. Plant a row of them for a low maintenance, carefree look. Because they don't grow excessively large, try them in containers on the porch or patio for a real eye catching appeal.

While the grass itself is the real star here, look for their elegant plumes that emerge in mid-summer and last through fall.



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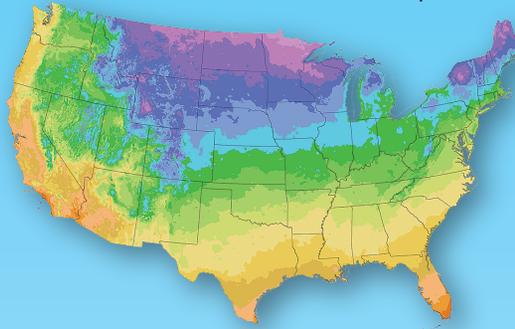
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Plant Hardiness Zone Map



9a to 11	7a	6a	5a
8a to 8b	6b	5bs to 5bn	3a to 4b
7b			



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ROBERTA'S GARDENS PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Fountain Grass Collection
(Pennisetum hybrids)



QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Full Sun
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	9-11
PLANT TYPE	Annual
PLANTING DISTANCE:	2-3'
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	2-4' 2-3'
BLOOM TIME:	Summer

PLANTING GUIDE

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STEP

Remove plastic bag and sleeve from around potted plant(s). Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil. Pull away any yellow or brown leaves or spent flowers that may have occurred during transit. If you cannot plant into the garden or a larger pot right away, make sure the plants stay well-watered.

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STEP

Water your plants just before popping them out of the shipping containers. Transplant into the garden as soon as evening temperatures stay above 40F. Dig holes the width of the root ball and about 5-6 inches deep. Place them in the holes and pack soil around the roots, filling the hole and making sure all the roots are covered with soil. Water them well again.

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STEP

Alternatively, you may plant them in containers. Transplant into a larger container that slightly less wide than the maximum width your plant is expected to grow as indicated above. We don't recommend planting multiple varieties in the same pot.

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STEP

It is important to keep new plants well-watered, making sure they do not become dried out for prolonged periods. This may mean watering your plants 3-4 times per week or more, depending on your region's weather.

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STEP

Planted now, your plants will produce plumes in mid-summer.

CONTINUING CARE

SHELF LIFE

Plant into garden or larger pots and place outside immediately after the night temperatures stay above 40 degrees.

PLANT PREPARATION

Remove plastic bag and sleeve from around potted plant(s). Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil. Pull away any yellow or brown leaves that may have occurred during transit. If you cannot plant it into garden or larger pot within a few days, make sure it stays well-watered.

PLANTING DEPTH AND SPACING

Dig a hole that is about 5-6 inches deep and about twice the width of the root ball. After you've placed the plant in the hole, cover with soil ensuring all the roots have been covered. In the garden, space about 2-3 feet apart.

POTTED PLANTS

Rather than in the garden you may re-pot into large containers. Re-pot the plants into a container that is slightly smaller than the max width the plant is expected to grow. This will allow your container to fill out nicely.

SOIL PREPARATION

Plants prefer well draining soil. They will do well in rocky or sandy soils. Amend clay type soils with potting mix or compost.

GARDEN LOCATION

They excel along the borders, planted in mass setting, at the front of the driveway, as a showcase plant, in hot and dry gardens, or in containers on the patio.

PLANT HEIGHT AND WIDTH

These grow to about 2-4 feet tall and 2-3 feet wide.

WATER

Water upon planting and a few times per week all summer. In containers they will need more water.

FERTILIZER

They respond to feeding with a high bloom fertilizer like Roberta's Bounty. Fertilizing every two weeks is recommended.

LIGHTING

In the summer growing season full sun is the best.

BLOOMING

Under correct conditions plumes emerge mid-summer.

TEMPERATURE ZONE 9-11

They can withstand winter temperatures to about 20F.

WINTER CARE

In cold winter regions we recommend keeping these in containers and bringing them indoors once night time temperatures persist below 40F. In the spring, bring them back outside once nights remain above 40F.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE



Shipped
As Shown



Great in hot and dry
gardens



Perfect along the borders
as a hedge



Multi-season interest