Stripe It Rich Hakone Grass

Hakonechloa macra 'Stripe It Rich'

Height: 10 inches

Spread: 16 inches

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Japanese Woodland Grass

Description:

Graceful, arching, grassy foliage is bright gold with green and white stripes, on this compact variety; almost bamboo-like; a spectacular color accent in the garden, along pathways, or in containers; provide good drainage



Stripe It Rich Hakone Grass foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Stripe It Rich Hakone Grass is primarily valued in the garden for its cascading habit of growth. It attractive grassy leaves are gold in color with prominent dark green stripes and tinges of white. The foliage often turns tan in fall.



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Landscape Attributes

Stripe It Rich Hakone Grass is a dense herbaceous perennial grass with a shapely form and gracefully arching stems. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Stripe It Rich Hakone Grass is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Stripe It Rich Hakone Grass will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 16 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 15 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant should be grown in a location with partial shade. Keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Stripe It Rich Hakone Grass is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a canvas of foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.