Fuzzy Fountain Grass

Pennisetum setaceum 'Fuzzy'



Fuzzy Fountain Grass flowers
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Height: 30 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 8

Description:

A showy variety of fountain grass used as a focal point in the garden or containers; an upright, arching clump of green leaves, bearing fuzzy, purplish-pink bottlebrush flowers in late summer to fall; plumes are great for cutting and drying

Ornamental Features

Fuzzy Fountain Grass has masses of beautiful plumes of pink catkins with purple overtones rising above the foliage from mid summer to early fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its grassy leaves remain green in color throughout the year.



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Landscape Attributes

Fuzzy Fountain Grass is an herbaceous evergreen perennial grass with a shapely form and gracefully arching stems. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Fuzzy Fountain Grass is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Fuzzy Fountain Grass will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Fuzzy Fountain Grass is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.