Ingwersen Lily Turf

Liriope muscari 'Ingwersen'



Ingwersen Lily Turf
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Height: 18 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Border Grass, Blue Lilyturf

Description:

A tufted grass like perennial that features a clump of arching, dark green, strappy leaves; a beautiful display of lovely lavender flower spikes in late summer; it is best used as an edging, groundcover, or lawn grass substitute

Ornamental Features

Ingwersen Lily Turf features dainty spikes of lavender flowers rising above the foliage in late summer. Its attractive glossy grassy leaves emerge chartreuse in spring, turning dark green in color with hints of steel blue the rest of the year. It features an abundance of magnificent black berries in early fall.

Landscape Attributes

Ingwersen Lily Turf is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Ingwersen Lily Turf is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Ingwersen Lily Turf will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast 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 does best in partial shade to full shade. Keep it well 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. 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.

Ingwersen Lily Turf is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.