Fairy Tales Evergreen Fountain Grass

Pennisetum 'Fairy Tales'



Fairy Tales Evergreen Fountain Grass
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: Fairy Tails

Description:

An evergreen fountain grass producing large clumps with upright foliage; blooms are large wheat colored plumes in spring and summer; beautiful as an accent or massed in borders or rock garden

Ornamental Features

Fairy Tales Evergreen Fountain Grass has masses of beautiful plumes of tan flowers rising above the foliage from mid spring to mid summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its grassy leaves remain green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Fairy Tales Evergreen 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.



Fairy Tales Evergreen Fountain Grass foliage
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Fairy Tales Evergreen Fountain Grass is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Fairy Tales Evergreen Fountain Grass will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. 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, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. 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.

Fairy Tales Evergreen Fountain Grass is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. 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.