Pennisetum (Fountain Grass)

30ct LF Plug

Container:
Premium 1 Gallon Pot

Finish:
7-9 weeks

When To Plant:
Summer - late summer or spring

Notes:
Save finished 1 gallon plants to step up into 3-5 gallon containers in the fall. This will yield large plants for the following season.

72ct Plug

Container:
Trade 1 Gallon Container

Finish:
10-12 weeks

When To Plant:
Late spring to mid summer

Growing Temperature:

Rooting out: 65-72° F

Growing: 65-72° F

EC Level:

2.0-3.5 pour through method

Vernalization:

Required for flowering. Provide 12 weeks of cold.

Potting and Timing:

Pennisetum prefers full sun but can tolerate light shade. Most varieties of Pennisetum we offer are cold hardy perennials down to zone 5. In cooler fall temperatures, many varieties amp up their foliage color for a spectacular fall display.

Moisture:

For potting soil use professional planting media.

Pennisetum grows best in consistently moist soil but can easily handle drier soils. They do not tolerate over-watering well. Grown in rich loamy soils, Pennisetum will flourish. While they can be grown in rocky or sandy soils, extra care should be taken to make sure adequate water is available.

Holding Temperature:

40-50° F outdoors

Soil pH:

5.8-6.2

Fertility:

Pennisetums are moderate feeders, use 100-150ppm constant liquid fertilization.

Pests and Diseases:

Pennisetums are generally pest-free plants. One of the reasons we enjoy growing them is because of their pest and disease resistance. They rarely have to be treated. However, scouting is still recommended as a practice of good IPM. When scouting, watch for mites, aphids, and thrips. If the plants are overwatered, watch for root and crown rots.

Planting Level:

Place crown at the soil level.

Lighting:

Requires long days to grow and flower. High light levels required.

Other Comments:

Pennisetums look beautiful when left standing in the winter with frost and snow cover. They are best trimmed back in the spring to 3-4 inches from the ground. However, these plants tend to be very attractive to rodents over the winter, especially in the greenhouse, so if a winter display is not desired they should be trimmed back in late fall. Plants may overwinter better if planted in the ground, but they can be successfully overwintered in containers if they are kept covered and protected in a poly-covered house.

Grower Tips:

Warm season grasses such as Pennisetum are best planted in early to mid summer to allow time for them bulk for spring sales the following year.

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