

Porcupine Grass



Big gardens use big grasses for dramatic compositions. Porcupine is a tall columnar grass that will serve as a strong vertical corner for perennial borders. Also great for narrow areas near gates or corners. Fits well into small planters in courtyards too. Ideal for large landscape gardens when planted beside water features, dry stream beds, rock outcroppings and huge landscape boulders. Also quite nice in large glazed ceramic pots.



- ***Miscanthus sinensis 'Strictus'***
- **Use:** A more upright form to this improved habit; not as relaxed and vase-shaped as 'Zebrinus'. Green foliage is highlighted by dramatic horizontal golden bands. Reddish bronze plumes rise above the foliage in summer. Works well for use as a single specimen or in groupings. Great specimen or used in groups as a screen.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun– part sun. Drought tolerant once established. Needs at least 4 hours afternoon sun.
- **Growth:** Moderate growing; forms clumps 8 ft. tall, 3 ft. wide. When to cut back: we enjoy the foliage of Miscanthus so much that we like to leave it standing until the new growth starts to appear, possibly as late as May. We also like the combination of the tan foliage and spring bulbs. Cut back to about 6" from the crown of the plant.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-9, Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous; Foliage is green with yellow bands; blade width is 1 cm (3/8")
- **Flower:** Delicate silvery-white plumes in the fall.

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