## First Knight Fountain Grass



Finally, a hardy PURPLE fountain grass for the South! The newest noble in the Royal Collection boasts a royal flush of the family's deepest, darkest, blackest purple foliage. Pennisetum hybrid 'First Knight' has center leaves that thrust skyward like broadsword blades raised in triumph; outer leaves arch gracefully.

## Pennisetum 'First Knight'

- <u>Use:</u> Can be useful in the landscape along woodland borders, in mass plantings, in foundation plantings, in containers or planters, as a background, in shrub borders, around decks, swimming pools, and other outdoor living areas, as an accent, as a focal point or in landscape beds or islands and also in rock or xeriscape gardens, theme gardens, cottage gardens or perennial gardens. Dr. Wayne Hanna at the University of Georgia selected this one for its superb disease resistance and versatile height.
- <u>Exposure/Soil</u>: Loves full sun or at least 4-5 hours of afternoon sun. They love the heat! . Requires well-draining soil and appreciates slow release fertilizer.
- **Growth:** Moderate grower 4-5' high and 24-36" wide.
- <u>Hardiness</u>: Zone 7-10; Tender Perennial; North of Atlanta and depending on the winter, they should be treated like annuals that die due to the cold.
- Foliage: Deciduous; A rich red midrib adds an elegant flourish and ups the interest anywhere.
- Flowers: Not known for flowers. Sterile.

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