

Fountain Grass



**Low maintenance,
deer resistant, and drought tolerant!**



Pennisetum alopecuroides

- **Use:** A staple among cold-hardy fountain grasses. Terrific contrast when used among shrub or backdrop for perennial bed.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun– part sun. Tolerates part shade, but may not flower in too much shade. Cut foliage to the ground in late winter before new shoots appear. Drought tolerant once established. Needs at least 4 hours afternoon sun.
- **Growth:** Moderate grower 2-4' tall and wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 6-9, Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Narrow green leaves in soft, arching mounds, changing to golden yellow in fall and fading to beige in late fall. Foliage usually remains attractive throughout the winter. Cut back grass to 1' tall in February to allow new growth to flush nicely.
- **Flower:** Showy, silvery to pinkish-white, bristly, bottle brush-like flower spikes arch outward from the clump in late summer like water spraying from a fountain (hence the common name). Flower spikes turn brownish as the seeds form, and spikes usually persist until late fall or early winter before shattering. Dried plumes add architectural interest to your winter garden as well.

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