

# Northwind Switch Grass



## *Panicum virgatum* 'Northwind'

- Native to North America
- Notable Fall Color
- Drought Tolerant
- Bioretention/Rain Gardens
- Bioswales/Vegetated swales
- Erosion control
- Meadow/Prairie Plantings

- **Use:** A dependable upright habit and beautiful blue green foliage set this Panicum apart from other switchgrasses. Panicum virgatum 'Northwind' is extremely drought tolerant, but soil that is occasionally boggy does not bother it. Beginning in late summer, a multitude of narrow, open panicles top the plant. One Panicum virgatum 'Northwind' in a garden creates a stunning vertical accent, while several planted as a backdrop form a dynamic structural look.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun– part sun. Drought tolerant once established. Needs at least 4 hours afternoon sun.
- **Growth:** Upright clumps 5.5 ft. tall, 4 to 6 ft. wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-9, Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Lovely bluish foliage adorns this open airy perennial grass that never needs staking. Cut back to 1' tall in February.
- **Flower:** Fall brings golden tones to seed panicles and foliage for stunning winter interest.