

Princess Caroline Fountain Grass



Finally, a hardy PURPLE fountain grass for the South! The 'Princess Caroline' Purple Fountain Grass, *Pennisetum purpureum*, is much hardier than *Pennisetum rubrum*, which is an annual in our gardens here in Zone 8 of mid-Georgia.

Pennisetum 'Princess Caroline'

- **Use:** 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.
- **Exposure/Soil:** 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 24-36" high and 24-36" wide.
- **Hardiness:** 8-11; Tender Perennial; North of Atlanta and depending on the winter, they should be treated like annuals that die due to the cold.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous; Unlike other grasses that fade in the summer heat, the purple foliage of 'Princess' grows brighter as temperatures climb .
- **Flowers:** Not known for flowers. Sterile.

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