

Grassland Gardens Nursery & Flower Farm

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Planting and Maintenance of Ornamental Grasses

Planting: Generally the same as planting any perennial.

- These grasses do not require any special soil preparation. However making a nice large hole when planting and any soil improvements such as compost or manure will increase vigor and growth of the plant. Once established cut down on any fertilizers and let plant adapt to leaner soil.
- Match up the original soil line of the plant with the soil surface.
- Water newly planted grasses immediately.

Watering:

- Continue watering throughout the first summer and fall as needed (ie. make sure you water during a dry spell or if you stick your finger down in the soil and it's dry; go ahead and water).
- Once established (the second year) grasses should need little supplemental watering unless there are extreme drought conditions.

Maintenance:

- Cut back foliage once a year to within a few inches of the ground. This can be done just before or at the first sign of new season growth. Generally grasses take 2 years to reach their full height and following years will keep increasing their diameter. Eventually, grasses will benefit from divisions just like any perennial.

Spacing:

- When planting leave enough space between plants! Read your tag.

Note: Grassland Gardens is happy to take your pots back when you are done. Only those from Grassland Gardens please, as we only use specific pot sizes.