Lumen Gold™ Fountain Grass

Pennisetum alopecuroides 'JS Jommenik'



Lumen Gold Fountain Grass
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Description:

A fine textured, compact fountain grass; bright gold new foliage turns lime green in summer with yellow highlights in full sun; tan colored bottlebrush plumes appear in summer; beautiful as a rock garden accent or massed in borders



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Ornamental Features

Lumen Gold Fountain Grass has masses of beautiful plumes of tan flowers rising above the foliage in mid summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its grassy leaves emerge gold in spring, turning lime green in color with hints of yellow. As an added bonus, the foliage turns gorgeous shades of yellow and in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Lumen Gold Fountain Grass is an herbaceous perennial with a shapely form and gracefully arching foliage. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Lumen Gold Fountain Grass is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Lumen Gold Fountain Grass will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Lumen Gold Fountain Grass is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.