

# VanZyverden's ORNAMENTAL GRASS GIANT FOUNTAIN GRASS



Our national attention is turning to climate change. All the data say it's crunch time, and that plants are essential for building communities that can withstand these changes. A 2016 report from the EPA explored ways green infrastructure can improve community resiliency. Experts and stakeholders outlined strategies to help communities prepare for and mitigate the effects of climate change. Strategies included managing flood risk, reducing urban heat island effects, and decreasing the energy needed to manage water. Ornamental grasses and sedges can be part of the answer in all the case studies cited in the EPA report. Grasses and sedges anchor the plantings that help clean our water, reduce flooding, and lessen the effects of rising temperatures. Let's work towards a better environment.

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*Largest and strongest grass*

*| Ships as a dormant young plant in a 3.35" | Dormant plants ship without leaves nor  
nursery pot, in its sleeping beauty stage | flowers as it's all about the roots*

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*About This Variety:* Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Foxtrot' is a long-time favorite in the nursery world. It is one of the largest- and strongest-growing fountain grasses. Giant Fountain Grass is an impressive ornamental grass with its four-foot fountain shape of narrow, green foliage. In midsummer, stalks topped with four-inch, pink-tinted bottlebrush seedheads appear. The slightest breeze causes elegant movement, much like the dance for which Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Foxtrot' is named. Use as a specimen or plant in groups for a stunning show. This is one of several patent-free plants that Kurt Bluemel has selected and introduced to the market. It was formerly called P. alopecuroides 'Japonicum'.

*Growing Instructions:* Dig a hole two times the width of the Liner pot. Set top of root ball even with ground level. Combine planting mix and garden soil. Fill to ground level and tamp down firmly. Water to settle soil. Add layer of mulch to retain moisture and discourage weeds. Water regularly for the first year, then as needed once established. Feed with a quality fertilizer following application and frequency instructions, typically just before and during the growing season.

*Care Tip:* Overwintering: very hardy; do not overwater in winter; if left outside monitor water carefully.

*Blooms:* Mid summer

*Exposure:* Full Sun

*Height:* Grows 4-5'

*Spacing:* Plant 3-4' apart, set root ball even with ground level

*USDA Zones:* Hardy in USDA zones 5-9

Guaranteed to grow 1 year from purchase if directions are followed. Any concerns related to quality and/or counts feel free to contact us.  
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