



## Prairie Fire Switch Grass *Panicum virgatum 'Prairie Fire'*

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4a

### Description:

This tall selection forms an upright clump of blue-green leaves that develop wine red tips in early summer; airy heads of tiny green flowers appear on plumes in late summer; perfect as an accent or massed in borders

### Ornamental Features

Prairie Fire Switch Grass features airy plumes of green flowers rising above the foliage in mid summer. Its attractive grassy leaves are bluish-green in color with prominent dark red tips. As an added bonus, the foliage turns a gorgeous gold in the fall. The brown seed heads are carried on showy plumes displayed in abundance from late summer to mid fall. The tan stems can be quite attractive.

### Landscape Attributes

Prairie Fire Switch Grass is an herbaceous perennial grass with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cut back to the ground in late winter before active growth resumes. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Prairie Fire Switch Grass is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Prairie Fire Switch Grass*  
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*Prairie Fire Switch Grass foliage*  
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# Gertens Plant Info.

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

## Planting & Growing

Prairie Fire Switch Grass will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to be leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and should be underplanted with lower-growing perennials. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 15 years.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for alkaline soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

## Gertens Sizes and Prices

#1 container - \$14.99 \* Sizes and availability are subject to change. Please check with the store for specific details.



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