

Welcome to Grassland Gardens!!

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PLEASE READ THIS BEFORE ORDERING

I host this field day in the fall because it gives you a better idea of how these grasses look at maturity. Orders are taken in the fall and grasses are dug & divided or starts are grown out in the spring. Grasses will be in #1 or #2 containers depending on variety (the order form will tell you which size). These pot sizes are displayed. All pots will come with a tag and planting information in the spring.

Grasses are usually available the last weekend of April or the 1st weekend in May depending on what kind of spring we have. I'll send a post card with the date of the pickup weekend. If it turns out that doesn't work for you, just give me a call and we can work something out.

Contained on your clipboard are three items: 1) this explanation sheet, 2) grass list – grasses are listed in alphabetical order, and 3) order form. The grass list will give you further information about each grass. You are welcome to take this with you through the fields and write notes and comments on your grass list or explanation sheet, which is yours to keep.

Here is some basic information about the grasses. All grasses in the field are perennial and bunch forming. This means they will come back each year and they will grow by increasing their girth, but never by underground rhizomes (such as ribbon grass), which can become invasive. **PLEASE READ: There are some grasses that can reseed.** These are mostly native grasses and are ('Indian Steel' Indian grass, 'Sioux Blue' Indian grass, 'The Blues' & 'Prairie Blues' Little Bluestems, 'Prairie Sky', 'Cloud Nine' switch

grass, and Northern Sea Oats). Under wet conditions, the Fountain grasses (non native) have reseeded (var. Penn. alopecuroides, Red Head, Cassian, & Hameln). I do not offer these any more, but do offer a variety Desert Plains a Proven Winner that has not seeded for me. 'Brachytricha', Fall-Blooming Feather Reed (non native) grass did reseed once in the 15 years I've been growing it. As with any perennial, you can scratch out any unwanted starts in the spring. The danger is that some of these can reseed into your other plantings or lawn. 'Rubrum' is a beautiful purple colored grass and is an **Annual**. I carry these each spring because of their lovely purple color. They are great in pots or as a focal point in your landscape.

All my grasses are drought tolerant. The cultivars related to our native grasses such as switch, little bluestem, Indian, and big bluestem are the most drought tolerant. Plants need to be watered the first year as necessary just as in establishing any new planting. All the grasses can take full sun and generally need half day sun. A few can take some shade. See your grass list. General care is minimal. The old foliage should be cut back either late in the fall after a freeze or anytime after that until you see the new spring green foliage. You can even burn off the old foliage (Do this only if planting is a safe distance from any hazards such as a house, garage, shed, or combustible materials etc.). Experience has shown most people leave the foliage at least till late winter as this adds structure and interest to their winter yards and gardens.

Please feel free to walk up and down the rows. **Yellow and orange signs are perennials. Blue signs are annuals.** Be sure to check out the grass display garden by the pergola where one can easily compare grasses. Not all varieties are as yet reached maturity. Consult your grass list.

If you would like to make a selection, mark the quantity of each type on the order sheet. Take it over to the tent and it will be figured up for you. 1/3 is due at the time of your order and the

remaining balance is due in the spring. If any variety is unavailable in spring, your 1/3 payment for that variety will be refunded. This allows me to know exactly how many of each grass needs to be potted. I always dig some extras, but not necessarily of every kind. **I do have many grass varieties available for planting now over by the hoop house.**

Hopefully, I've answered some of your basic questions. See pictures of the grasses at my website www.grasslandgardens.com under the Ornamental Grass page. Sign up for our newsletter on the website and we are on Facebook. Please ask me anything you are unsure about or if you would like some input on an area you are doing. You are welcome to visit the rest of the grounds. With my hoop house, I also carry a larger selection of perennials & shrubs in the spring. If you see a plant you are interested in write it down on your order sheet and that will help me determine what to carry next year! Don't forget to sign up for the drawing. Help yourself to a drink and a cookie. Thank you.

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Keep this sheet for future reference.