

## Ornamental Grasses

The basics of grass gardening are easy to understand. Some Grasses Creep or spread, others stay tight, well-mannered clumps.

**Cool-season grasses** are evergreen and hold their foliage year-round; Festucas, Kolerias and many Sedges are considered cool-season grasses. Cool season grasses are usually early bloomers and are often selected for their foliage color and texture.

**Warm season grasses** are dormant in winter and begin growing in the spring, flowering in summer or fall. With the shortening days and cooler temperatures of autumn, many warm season grasses put on a fabulous display of fall color. Some warm season grasses noted for their spectacular fall color are Maiden Grass (*Miscanthus sinensis*) and Switch Grass (*Panicum virgatum*).

Mexican Feather Grass *Stipa Tenuissima* like hot temps and heavy clay soil  
Maiden Grass (*Miscanthus 'Gracillimus'*) can grow 4' hi and wide in one season

Shade: Northern Sea Oats (*Chasmanthium latifolium*)  
Korean Feather Reed Grass (*Calamagrostis brachtricha*)  
Hair Grasses (*Deschampsia*)

Color Accents: Festuca 'Elijah Blue'  
Carex 'Bronze'

Moist Areas: Phalaris 'Feeseey'

Texture: Pennisetums for the seed heads