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# **Evergreen Giant Liriope** *Liriope muscari* 'Evergreen Giant'

# **Plant Description:**

Liriope (pronounced *luh-RYE-oh-pee*) is also sometimes called Lily Turf, forming a solid groundcover in a few years when planted in masses. 'Evergreen Giant' is a larger cultivar of the clumping, grass-like, evergreen perennial. Its dark green foliage is accented with spikes of purple-lilac blooms during summer, followed by small, showy black fruits in fall. In addition to its use as a groundcover, this plant looks great when used as edging along walkways or shrub borders.

- Mature Size: 1-2 feet tall and wide
- Growth Rate: Moderate
- Plant Habit: Upright
- Plant Spacing: 18 inches

## **Ornamental Characteristics & Uses:**

- Foliage Color: Dark Green
- Flower Color: Purple
- Bloom Time: Summer
- Attracts Wildlife: None



Uses: Edging/Shrub Border, Mass Planting/Groundcover

## **Growing Requirements:**

Cold Hardiness Zone(s): 6 – 10

Exposure: Shade to Partial Sun

Water Needs: Moderate

<u>Soil Tolerances</u>: Moderately Drought Tolerant; Prefers Well-Drained Soils

- Soil pH: Acidic to Alkaline
- Maintenance: Easy/Low

### **General Care & Growing Tips:**

'Evergreen Giant' enjoys more sun than other types of Liriope. In full sun, supplemental irrigation may be required to keep plants looking their best. Fertilize lightly, once or twice a year as needed. Otherwise, a care-free plant.

#### **Common Pests:**

No pests or diseases are of major concern. Occasional problems with mites, slugs, snails, or scale may occur.

#### **References:**

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