Giant Fountain Grass
*Pennisetum alopecuroides ‘Oceanside’*

If you're looking for something different in your landscape, ornamental grasses can't be beat for their variety and versatility. Mention this diverse group of plants and you will evoke a variety of mental images for American gardeners. Ornamental grasses are a very popular group of plants which have become an integral part of many southern gardens. Ornamental grasses are very dynamic and do not maintain a permanent structure in the garden like most shrubs and trees. The size, shape, texture and color of grass will change with every season.

**Type:** perennial ornamental grass

**USDA hardiness zones:** 7 through 12

**Uses:** mass planting; hedge; specimen; ground cover; border; architectural

**Origin:** native to Florida

**Height:** 10 to 12 feet  **Spread:** 4 to 6 feet

**Plant spacing:** 4 to 6 feet

**Light requirement:** full sun to part shade

**Soil tolerances:** acidic; slightly alkaline; clay; sand; loam

**Drought tolerance:** moderate

**Soil salt tolerances:** unknown

**Invasive potential:** low

**Pest resistance:** no pests or diseases are of major concern

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