

Ornamental grasses are classified as either warm season or cool season, depending on when they are actively growing.

**Cool season grasses** begin growing in late winter or early spring. They offer lush foliage early and frequently flower in early summer. They may cease to grow in the heat of the summer but will resume growth in the fall with cooler temperatures.

**Warm season grasses** actively grow once soil temperatures are warmer in late spring, setting seed in late summer or early fall.

Many grasses offer brilliant fall colors, in tones of burgundy, rust or gold. It is best to wait until early spring to cut them back as most add winter interest to the landscape. Some university studies have rated several grasses as salt tolerant but please note that not all grasses have been evaluated.



### GRASS CHART

SPECIES	SEASON COOL or WARM	SUMMER FOLIAGE	FALL COLOR	SHOWY PLUMES	SALT TOLERANT	WINTER INTEREST
<b>ACORUS</b> ☀ ☀						
'Ogon'	Warm	Gold				Yes
<b>CAREX</b> ☀ ●						
'Bowles Golden'	Cool	Gold & Green				
'Everest'	Cool	Dark Green & White				Yes
'Evergold'	Cool	Yellow & Green				Yes
'Ice Cream'	Cool	Cream & Green				Yes
'Ice Dance'	Cool	Green & White				Yes
pensylvanica	Cool	Green				
<b>FESTUCA</b> ☀ ☀						
'Beyond Blue'	Cool	Silver Blue			Yes	Yes
Eilers Beauty™	Cool	Green		Yes	Yes	Yes
'Elijah Blue'	Cool	Steel Blue			Yes	Yes
<b>HAKONECHLOA</b> ☀ ●						
'All Gold'	Warm	Yellow	Red & pink			
'Aureola'	Warm	Yellow & Green	Red & pink			
'Beni-Kaze'	Warm	Green	Deep red			
macra	Warm	Green	Copper-orange			
SunFlare™	Warm	Yellow w/ red tips	Burnt orange & red			
<b>HELICTOTRICHON</b> ☀						
sempervirens	Cool	Blue-gray			Yes	Yes
<b>PENNISETUM</b> ☀						
'Hameln'	Warm	Green	Gold	Yes	Yes	Yes
'Piglet'	Warm	Green		Yes		Yes
Praline™	Warm	Green		Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>SESLERIA</b> ☀						
autumnalis	Cool	Yellow-green	Rust	Yes		

SHORT <2 feet

☀ Sun    ☀ Partial Shade    ● Shade

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<b>CALAMAGROSTIS</b> ☼ ☼						
'Avalanche'	Cool	White & green		Yes	Yes	Yes
'Brachytricha'	Warm	Green		Yes	Yes	Yes
'Hello Spring!™'	Cool	Green & white		Yes	Yes	Yes
'Lightning Strike®'	Cool	White & green		Yes	Yes	Yes
'Overdam'	Cool	Green & white		Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>CAREX</b> ☼ ☼						
vulpinoidea	Cool	Green				
<b>CHASMANTHIUM</b> ☼ ☼						
latifolium	Warm	Green		Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>ELYMUS</b> ☼						
'Blue Dune'	Cool	Bright blue			Yes	Yes
<b>MISCANTHUS</b> ☼						
'Adagio'	Warm	Green	Red tones	Yes	Yes	Yes
'Little Zebra'	Warm	Gold banded			Yes	Yes
'Purpurascens'	Warm	Green	Orange-red	Yes	Yes	Yes
'Rigoletto'	Warm	Green & white		Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>MOLINIA</b> ☼ ☼						
'Moorflamme'	Cool	Green	Red-orange	Yes		Yes
'Moorhexe'	Cool	Green	Gold	Yes		Yes
'Strahlenquelle'	Cool	Green	Golden yellow	Yes		Yes
<b>PANICUM</b> ☼						
'Heavy Metal'	Warm	Metallic blue	Bright yellow	Yes	Yes	Yes
'Hot Rod'	Warm	Blue-green & red	Dark red	Yes	Yes	Yes
'Rotstrahlbusch'	Warm	Green with red tips	Burgundy-red	Yes	Yes	Yes
'Shenandoah'	Warm	Green with red-purple tones	Red-purple	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>PENNISETUM</b> ☼						
alopcuroides	Warm	Green	Gold	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jambalaya™	Warm	Green		Yes	Yes	Yes
'Red Head'	Warm	Green	Golden yellow	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>SCHIZACHYRIUM</b> ☼						
Blue Heaven®	Warm	Blue	Red, burgundy, orange	Yes	Yes	Yes
scoparium	Warm	Blue-green	Red-bronze	Yes	Yes	Yes
'Standing Ovation'	Warm	Blue	Red, orange & yellow	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>SPOROBOLUS</b> ☼						
heterolepis	Warm	Green	Rich rust	Yes		Yes
'Tara'	Warm	Green	Rich rust	Yes		Yes
<b>ANDROPOGON</b> ☼						
'Blackhawks'	Warm	Green	Dark purple-black	Yes		Yes
'Red October'	Warm	Green	Scarlet red	Yes		Yes
<b>CALAMAGROSTIS</b> ☼ ☼						
'Eldorado'	Cool	Gold & green		Yes	Yes	Yes
'Karl Foerster'	Cool	Green		Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>MISCANTHUS</b> ☼						
'Gracillimus'	Warm	Green		Yes	Yes	Yes
'Graziella'	Warm	Green	Copper & red	Yes	Yes	Yes
'Morning Light'	Warm	Green & white		Yes	Yes	Yes
'Silver Feather'	Warm	Green	Purple & mahogany	Yes	Yes	Yes
'Strictus'	Warm	Gold banded		Yes	Yes	Yes
'Variegatus'	Warm	Cream & green		Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>PANICUM</b> ☼						
'Dallas Blues'	Warm	Silvery blue	Golden yellow	Yes	Yes	Yes
'Northwind'	Warm	Green	Gold	Yes	Yes	Yes

MEDIUM 2-4 feet

TALL >4 feet