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# Prairie Winds® Lemon Squeeze Fountain Grass

***Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Lemon Squeeze'***

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 30 inches

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Group/Class: Prairie Winds Collection



*Prairie Winds Lemon Squeeze Fountain Grass*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*



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**Description:**

A fine, brilliantly colored selection featuring bright chartreuse-gold foliage; copper panicles appear above the foliage in midsummer and persist until winter; a beautiful contrast plant for borders or sun gardens

**Ornamental Features**

Prairie Winds Lemon Squeeze Fountain Grass has masses of beautiful plumes of coppery-bronze flowers rising above the foliage from mid to late summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its attractive grassy leaves are chartreuse in color with hints of gold. As an added bonus, the foliage turns gorgeous shades of gold and in the fall. The tan seed heads are carried on showy plumes with coppery-bronze overtones, which are displayed in abundance from mid fall to late winter.

**Landscape Attributes**

Prairie Winds Lemon Squeeze Fountain Grass is an herbaceous perennial grass with a shapely form and gracefully arching stems. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

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This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Prairie Winds Lemon Squeeze Fountain Grass is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



*Prairie Winds Lemon Squeeze Fountain Grass flowers*
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**Planting & Growing**

Prairie Winds Lemon Squeeze Fountain Grass will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Prairie Winds Lemon Squeeze Fountain Grass is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.