# Prairie Winds® Niagara Falls' Switch Grass

## Panicum virgatum

Notably wide for a Panicum, 'Niagara Falls' is excellent for filling space in the landscape. This native ornamental grass that appears like a Miscanthus in the landscape with arching foliage, but adds the powder blue color characteristic of Switch Grass. In fall, sprays of cream seed heads pack the top of the plant. Top reasons to grow Prairie Winds Niagara Falls- Foliage Interest; Fall Interest; Winter Interest; Drought Tolerant; Salt Tolerant; Erosion Control

Resists: Deer

#### **CHARACTERISTICS**

Plant Type: Perennial Height Category: Medium Garden Height: 48 Inches 1.2m

Spacing: 48 Inches 1.2m Spread: 48 Inches 1.2m Flower Colors: Tan Flower Shade: Tan Foliage Colors: Blue

Foliage Shade: Powder Blue

**Habit:** Upright

Container Role: Thriller

## **PLANT NEEDS**

### **Light Requirement:**

Sun

The optimum amount of sun or shade each plant needs to thrive: Full Sun (6+ hours), Part Sun (4-6 hours), Full Shade (up to 4 hours).

Maintenance Category: Easy Bloom Time: Late Summer

Hardiness Zones: 4a, 4b, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7a, 7b, 8a, 8b, 9a, 9b

Water Category: Average

Soil Fertility Requirement: Average Soil; Fertile Soil; Poor Soil

Soil PH Category: Acidic Soil; Neutral Soil

Uses: Border Plant; Container; Cut Flower; Dried Flower; Landscape; Mass Planting;

Specimen or Focal Point

**Maintenance Notes:** One of the easiest ornamental grasses to grow in full sun. Does well in any soil from sand to clay. Cut back in spring before new growth appears.

Prairie Winds<sup>®</sup> 'Niagara Falls' Panicum virgatum USPP 34,509, Can PBRAF