



Lily Turf

Liriope muscari

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Border Grass, Lilyturf

Description:

A tufted grass like perennial that features a clump of arching, glossy, dark green leaves; features a beautiful display of lovely powder blue flower spikes; best used as an edging plant or massed as a groundcover

Ornamental Features

Lily Turf features dainty spikes of lavender flowers with powder blue overtones rising above the foliage in late summer. Its attractive glossy grassy leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season. It features an abundance of magnificent black berries in early fall.

Landscape Attributes

Lily Turf is a dense herbaceous perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Lily Turf is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Lily Turf flowers

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Lily Turf in bloom

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Planting & Growing

Lily Turf will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast 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 does best in partial shade to shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

Lily Turf is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.