

Switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*)

Technical Sheet

A warm season bunch grass that spreads by short rhizomes and can withstand harsh dry summers.

One of the most popular native grass due to its beautiful yellow autumn color and showy seed heads that persist well into winter. Its stiff stems will stand up over winter better than all other grasses.

It is an excellent source of food and creates dense cover for a variety of insects, birds and mammals. Can also be used for pasture hay for domestic animals.

Becoming popular as a sustainable source for alternative fuel.

Seeding Rate

Solid stand of a single specie

Per 1,000 sq. ft.

2.0 oz.

Per Acre

5 lb.

Characteristics

Sun Exposure: Full Sun

Height: 4 - 6 feet

Root Depth: 12" minimum

Blooms: July - September

Soil: Dry - Moist, Sand, Loam, Clay

Moderate drought tolerance

Moderate salt tolerance

Attracts birds

Deer resistant



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