

Northern Sea Oats (*Chasmanthium latifolium*)

Northern sea oats decorative grass is a versatile plant that performs equally well in sun or shade. The flowers are dangling panicles and the foliage turns a rich bronze in fall. The real attraction is the flower's seed head, which is a wide, flat construction whose texture resembles wheat heads. The seed heads start out a medium green and age to a light tan color and are often used as part of cut flower arrangements.



Plant Care: Leave the grass alone through winter to protect the clump; hard prune (cut back to ground-level) before new growth emerges in the spring. Pruning time: late winter to early spring.

Please consider the invasive nature of the plant, which grows from seeds readily: the self-sowing nature can cause numerous seedlings and make the grass a nuisance. Cut the mature seed heads off to prevent spreading and bring them indoors for use in dried floral arrangements.

Watering: Water regularly and thoroughly in the first year after planting. After the first year, water as needed to maintain evenly moist soil. Northern sea oats are not drought-tolerant – they must be kept damp.

References:

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