

## Design & Installation:

- Natural Gardens
- Distinctive Gardens
- Bed Maintenance
- Therapeutic Gardens
- Paths & Patios
- Stone & Brickwork
- Specialty Gardens
- Seasonal Color and Interest

#### September To-Do List:

- Plant or transplant evergreens
- Fertilize lawns
- Seed and repair lawns
- Change irrigation to your fall watering schedule
- Divide and transplant early blooming perennials
- Dig, dry and store gladiolus corms
- Visit our website for more monthly tasks www.ogdens.com

## Ogdenwords:

**Annual** - a plant that flowers, produces seed, and dies in one growing season.

**Perennial** - a plant that lasts for more than two growing seasons.

Friable - Crumbly

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# ORNAMENTAL GRASSES EASY CARE PLANTS

Ornamental grass gardening is fun and easy. By using ornamental grasses, you can add interest, depth and color to your garden. Even through the winter season, they add a warm glow and give life to the stark landscape. In addition, they attract wildlife by providing food (by way of seed heads) and shelter for birds and small animals.

Grasses are hardy, adaptable plants and are resistant to insects and diseases. They tolerate a wide range of weather and soil conditions, but welldrained, friable soil mixed with plenty of compost is best.

When selecting grasses you can choose annuals or perennials; however, annual grasses will not survive the winter cold and will die. Perennial grasses return in the spring. Fresh new blades typically emerge in May or June. Most grasses benefit from cutting back once a year in late winter or early

spring. They should be cut back to 6" above ground before new growth begins. Festuca is an exception to the rule. If you want to clean it up you need only to trim the tips. Divide grasses only when they get too big or begin dying out in the center. Early spring is the best time to do this.

Ornamental grasses look great just about anytime and everywhere.

Planted singly or en masse, they captivate the beholder.

You can use several varieties together for striking interest. They come in many colors such as gold, red, blue and green. Depending on the variety, they can range in size from six inches to

twelve feet. Although most are grown in full sun, there are some which can grow in shade too.

There are countless varieties to choose from. If you have always wanted to add grasses into your garden, we encourage you to give us a call so we can help you make the perfect selection.

# Japanese Shears

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