

# *How to Care for a Aztec Grass Plant*

## Liriope muscari ‘Aztec Grass

### **SELECT SITE:**

Light Requirements: Partial Sun (no more than 4-6 hrs/day) ; will grow in full sun only if ample irrigation is available to keep the roots cool & moist.

This plant will grow larger to about 15-18 in. tall & wide; Space 8 in. away from other plants or structures

Tolerates a wide range of soils, thrives in a dappled sunlit site.

Versatile Plant for:

Accent planting around the patio. To grow as a container plant, especially in northern areas. Mass or group in shrub border. To outline walkways, driveway, & flowerbeds. Near the home foundation.

Ideal USDA Plant Hardiness Zones: 7,8,9,10,11

### **PLANT PREP:**

Open box upon arrival, remove packing materials to let the plant “breathe”. Remove plastic bag, tape, and newspaper. Water well. There are drainage holes in the bottom of the pot so do this outside where the extra water will drain away.

### **HOLE PREP:**

Dig saucer shaped hole. The depth is determined by measuring the height of the roots from root flare to bottom. The width is 2-3 times the root ball diameter. Using these calculations, the ideal hole for the new bush will be approximately 6” tall by 12-15” wide. To plant in a container, select a pretty pot that is at least 12” in diameter.

### **PLANTING:**

Place plant in hole and adjust for aesthetics. Hold in place while adding more soil, until the hole is completely filled. Push soil down until firm. Do not plant the shrub deeper than it has already been growing. Water well immediately after planting. Mulch evenly to a depth of 2-3 inches being sure to stay at least 4” away from its trunk.

### **FUTURE MAINTENANCE:**

Water well regularly, in the form of 1” or more of rainfall or irrigation per week (equivalent to a 5-gallon bucket full), often more frequently like every day in extremely warm areas or if in a pot.

In northern climates where the plant is in a pot (recommended in USDA Plant Zones 1-6), in late fall and before frost occurs, bring inside to a protected, unheated area.

If desired, fertilize in spring when new growth begins. Apply 2 tbsp. of an all-purpose slow release fertilizer upon the ground in a band around the plant at least 6” away from its stem. Can be pruned in late winter to early spring, if desired or if frost has damaged leaves. Or, mow with your mower on highest level to revitalize each new year.