



ORNAMENTAL GRASS CULTIVATION

Most ornamental grasses will thrive in a well-drained organically-rich soil in a sunny location. Some type of mulch is helpful to reduce competition from weeds. They are all gracious complements to water features including pools, water gardens, and ponds. However, the connection should be visual rather than literal since most of them do not want their roots in the water.

Bamboos thrive under conditions of adequate moisture with well-drained, organically rich soil, in at least partial shade. A yearly mulch application of aged manure or organic compost ensures that they will continue to thrive. Some are clump-forming but most are, and I cannot emphasize this too strongly, highly invasive and need serious containment. Thick concrete poured to a depth of twenty-four inches is one guaranteed method of keeping them in their place. The vast majority of ornamental grasses are best propagated by division in the spring prior to the arrival of new growth. Adequate moisture should be provided for the first year or two until the plants have established themselves. Mulch is recommended.

Yearly maintenance involves little more than cutting the old stalks down in late March or early April. This is done most easily with an electric hedge clipper.

Gardening is an art form limited only by the imagination. The introduction of ornamental grasses into your landscape will provide beauty along with an ineluctable element of serenity for both you and your stone Buddha.



Come in to get suggestions and help with your planting.

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