

Landscaping With Ornamental Grasses



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WHAT ARE ORNAMENTAL GRASSES?

TYPES

- Clumping
- Running
- Warm season
- Cool season

USES

- Screening
- In mixed shrub & perennial beds
- As ground covers
- As specimen plants & focal points
- In containers
- As winter interest

SITE CONSIDERATIONS

- Plant hardiness zones
 - USDA: <https://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov>
 - Sunset: <http://www.des.ucdavis.edu/Faculty/richerson/ESP30/Sunset%20Climate%20Zones.pdf>
- Exposure
- Dry / wet areas
- Soil type

PLANTING & MAINTENANCE

- Planting
- Mulching
- Watering
- Fertilizing
- Cutting back
- Dividing

WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION

- UCCE Master Gardeners of El Dorado County:
 - Telephone Help Desk: 530-621-5512, Tuesday - Friday, 9 a.m. – noon
 - Website address: http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/counties/ceeldorado/Master_Gardener
- Area nurseries
- Catalogs
- Internet sites (examples: www.missouribotanicalgarden.org / www.smgrowers.com / www.hoffmannursery.com)
- Books:
 - *Grasses* (by Nancy J. Ondra)
 - *The Encyclopedia of Ornamental Grasses* (by John Greenlee)

