

# Miscanthus

Miscanthus sinensis

## QUICK FACTS

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USDA ZONES

**5–9**

SUNLIGHT

**Full Sun**

BLOOM

**Fall**

HEIGHT

**5–10 ft**

DEER

**Resistant**

## AT A GLANCE

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Miscanthus sinensis is a spectacular ornamental grass, but the straight species is invasive in many parts of the eastern United States. Choose sterile or low-seeding cultivars -- 'Bandwidth', 'Adagio', or the M. x giganteus sterile hybrid -- and site carefully away from natural areas. Cutting back timing is the most common care mistake: wait until late February to early March; cutting in fall removes the winter interest that is half the plant's value.

## PLANTING CHECKLIST

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- Match site to sun requirements above before buying
- Test soil drainage — dig a 12" hole, fill with water, time it (should drain in 1–2 hrs)
- Dig hole 2x wider than rootball, same depth
- Backfill with native soil — do NOT amend the planting hole
- Water deeply at planting and weekly for first 3 weeks
- Mulch 2" deep, keep mulch 2" away from trunk/stems

## FULL GUIDE WITH SOURCES

<https://outdoorplantcare.com/plants/miscanthus-care/>