

# Grower's Facts

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## rnamental Millet

*Pennisetum glaucum Purple Majesty*

**PLANTATION:** Sow the seeds 6–8 weeks before the last frost. Keep the temperature between 22–25 °C. Germination time is between 2–3 days. It is recommended to use trays of 288 cells or more. Sow 2 to 3 seeds per cell. Lighting is not necessary for germination. Maintain high humidity until rootlets appear. Then reduce the humidity, but above all prevent the new shoots from drying out. Keep light levels as high as possible. Higher light results in stronger and thicker stems and better basal branching.

**SOIL: Indoor:** A well-drained, porous sowing media is best to prevent overwatering.

**Outdoor:** Well-drained soil.

### PLANTING:

**Step 1:** plow the soil about 30 cm (12 inches). Add an equal part of potting soil and mix well. Dig a hole approximately the same length as the container and about 1 ½ to 3 times the width.

**Step 2:** slightly squeeze the container, tap out the plant, and delicately free the roots. If the roots are too dense, liberate the fibers by inserting a knife or a transplanter. Separate the roots carefully, and then place in the hole.

\* **Good to know:** Use an organic bone meal or a «soil activator» when transplanting to stimulate root development. Follow the instructions for use on the package.

Fill up the hole with garden soil. Slightly press the soil around the base of the plant to favor the contact between the roots and the soil. Water regularly every 2 or 3 days until the soil is well compacted.

**Note:** Young plants are green. The stem and midrib of the foliage first turn purple after about eight leaves have developed. The foliage coloration occurs when the plants are moved outside to full sun.