



Electric Flash™ Cordyline
Cordyline banksii 'Sprilecflash'

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 8b

Other Names: Forest Cabbage Tree, False Dracaena

Group/Class: Design Edge Series

Description:

Eye catching, narrow leaves with chocolate brown centers and luminous cream edges that seem to light up; spectacular when massed on the landscape; perfect for adding a lush, tropical feel to the garden or patio containers



Electric Flash Cordyline foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Electric Flash Cordyline is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. It has attractive dark brown foliage edged in creamy white with hints of buttery yellow. The sword-like leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark brown throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Electric Flash Cordyline is an open multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should never be pruned except to remove any dieback, as it tends not to take pruning well. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Electric Flash Cordyline is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Electric Flash Cordyline will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Electric Flash Cordyline makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.