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FARGESIA NITIDA 'GREAT WALL'

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Understanding Bamboo: Clumping vs. Running

Bamboo spreads through underground rhizomes, with the most growth occurring in fall. It falls into two categories:

Clumping Bamboo: Grows in tight clusters, slowly expanding outward. Typically under 15 feet tall, it prefers shade and may need winter protection in cold climates.

Running Bamboo: More vigorous, spreading quickly. It is ideal for hedging and screening but requires maintenance to prevent unwanted spread.

Controlling Bamboo Growth

The best way to control bamboo is through annual root pruning. Running bamboo may require containment barriers (60 mil, 30-inch HDPE) installed properly to prevent rhizomes from tunneling underneath. A shallow trench (8-10 inches deep) around the planting is an easier alternative—just check in late summer and fall to remove any spreading rhizomes.

Pruning and Hedging Bamboo

Bamboo culms (stems) stop growing in height and width once cut. For hedging, trim new growth annually. Remove dead, broken, or crowded culms to keep plants healthy. Dwarf bamboo should be cut to the ground each spring for rejuvenation and a denser appearance.

Winter Protection

To protect bamboo in harsh winters, apply 4-6 inches of mulch (pine needles, leaves, or compost) around the base. For extreme cold, encircle plants with stakes and wire mesh, then fill with mulch for added insulation. If bamboo dies back, it often regenerates in spring.

Clumping Bamboo

Name	Deciduous or Evergreen	Height	Plant Characteristics
Bambusa multiplex 'Alphonse Karr'	Evergreen	15-25'	A striking clumping bamboo with bright green canes accented by golden-yellow striping and lush, fine-textured foliage
Fargesia nitida 'Blue Fountain'	Evergreen	10-15'	A graceful, clumping bamboo with slender blue-green culms and softly arching stems that create a fountain-like form
Fargesia nitida 'Great Wall'	Evergreen	10-12'	The hardiest of all bamboo with slender branching and dark purplish-caneculms. Perfect for shade gardens.
Fargesia rufa 'Green Panda'	Evergreen	8-10'	Another cold hardy bamboo. Perfect for privacy screens and hedging.
Fargesia rufa	Evergreen	8-10'	A very vigorous grower that is extremely cold hardy. Makes a wonderful screen.
Fargesia rufa 'Sunset Glow'	Evergreen	8-10'	A perfect specimen for smaller gardens and courtyards.

Fargesia nitida 'Black Dragon'	Evergreen	10-12'	A dramatic clumping bamboo known for its deep purple-black to near-black culms that intensify with age.
Fargesia scabrida 'Asian Wonder'	Evergreen	8-10'	Some of the best colors of all clumping bamboo. Young canes are dark orange that turn purple and then slowly fade to deep green.
Fargesia muriale (Umbrella Bamboo)	Evergreen	10-15'	A graceful, dense clumping bamboo with arching canes and soft, fine leaves. Perfect for hedges, containers, or woodland gardens. Cold-hardy and shade-tolerant.
Fargesia robusta 'Green Screen'	Evergreen	12-15'	A fast-growing, dense bamboo ideal for privacy screens. Upright and more sun-tolerant than other Fargesia species. It has thick culms and a striking, elegant appearance.
Fargesia rufa 'Little Redhead'	Evergreen	6-10'	A compact, cold-hardy clumping bamboo with reddish new culms that turn green. Excellent for smaller gardens, containers, or decorative plantings. Wind and deer-resistant.

Running Bamboos

Name	Deciduous or Evergreen	Height	Plant Characteristics
Bashania fargesii	Evergreen	15-25'	A tall, upright clumping bamboo with sturdy green culms and a dense, refined look.
Phyllostachys aurea	Evergreen	15-30'	A vigorous, golden-stemmed bamboo that can be used for screening but needs containment. Its canes turn golden-yellow in sunlight, creating a striking contrast.
Phyllostachys aurea 'Spectabilis'	Evergreen	15-25'	A bold bamboo with thick golden-yellow culms accented by distinctive green striping and a zig-zag pattern near the base.
Phyllostachys bissetti	Evergreen	15-20'	Dark green and extremely hardy to zone 4. Culms are dark green and one of the first to start growing.
Phyllostachys nigra 'Henon'	Evergreen	Up to 40'	Largest of the Phyllostachys Nigra sub species. However, despite how large it can grow it is remarkably well behaved and easily looked after.
Pseudosasa japonica	Evergreen	12-18'	Excellent for screens. Can tolerate more wind than most bamboo. Great for seaside plantings.

