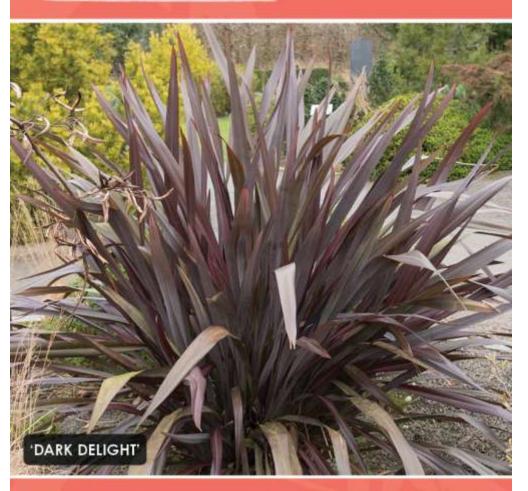


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## NEW ZEALAND FLAX

(PHORMIUM)

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Phormiums (also known as New Zealand Flax) are one of the most versatile plants in the landscape. They can tolerate wet or dry conditions when they mature. A stunning range of colour contrasts gives spectacular effects. They work very well in containers and can tolerate sun to part shade.

## Care and Maintenance:

Phormiums are relatively low maintenance shrubs. In the spring, fertilizing is recommended with a standard All Purpose Fertilizer (6-8-6). Remove dead leaves as necessary.

## Winter Care:

Most varieties of New Zealand Flax planted in the ground are root hardy to approximately –7°C in our area but will sustain foliar damage during prolonged freezes below -2°C. During prolonged freezes plants in the ground should be heavily mulched at the base and covered or wrapped with an opaque black plastic to prevent wind damage.

Plants in containers are less hardy due to exposed roots and should be protected below 0°C. During prolonged freezes plants in pots should be brought into an unheated garage or basement until the temperature rises. Larger pots can be wrapped with 2-3 layers of bubble wrap around the pot and the foliage should be covered with 2 layers of bubble wrap or opaque black plastic.

## If plants have been exposed without protection:

Check to see if the roots are alive by pulling a dead stem out at the base of the plant. If the stems are rotten or mushy below ground level, then the roots have been damaged and the plant is no longer viable. If the base of the stems and roots appear to be healthy, cut back the foliage to the ground and fertilize the plant with All Purpose Fertilizer every other month beginning in March.

Variety	Height x	Colors
· unory	Spread	30.0.3
Amazing Red	1-2' x 1-2'	Reddish-brown
Apricot Queen	3-4' x 4-5'	Light yellow with green margins, blushed apricot in cooler weather
Duet	1-2' x 1-2'	Green & Yellow Stripes
Evening Glow	2-3' x 4-6'	Pink & Red Stripes
Golden Ray	4-5' x 4-5'	Green with creamy yellow margins and red edges
Jack Spratt	1-2' x 1-2'	Dark Red, Green, Golden, Purple & Burgundy
Jester	12-18" x 12- 24"	Pink & Green Stripes
Pink Blush	2-3' x 1-2'	Purplish-Pink
Pink Flamingo	1-2' x 1-2'	Pink, Red & Green Stripes
Pink Panther	2-3' x 1-2'	Pink & Purple Stripes
Pink Stripe	4-6' x 4-5'	Variegated
Platts Black	3-4' x 3-4'	Dark burgundy to black
Rainbow Queen	2-3' x 2-3'	Red, bronze & pink
Red Sword	4-6' x 4-6'	Red
Special Red	2-3' x 2-3'	Red
Sundowner	8-10' x 4-6'	Bronzy-green with pink stripes
Tom Thumb	1-2' x 1-2'	Green, Coppery-Bronze
Wings of Gold	3-4' x 2-3'	Yellow & Green Stripes
Yellow Wave	3-4' x 2-3'	Yellow & Lime Green

