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'DARK DELIGHT'

NEW ZEALAND FLAX
(PHORMIUM)

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New Zealand Flax (Phormium)

Phormiums, commonly known as New Zealand Flax, are bold architectural plants that bring year-round interest to the landscape. Valued for their striking, sword-like foliage, they offer an incredible range of colours - from deep greens and bronzes to vibrant reds, purples, and variegated combinations. These dramatic contrasts make Phormiums an excellent focal point in garden beds, modern landscapes, and decorative containers.

One of the standout qualities of Phormiums is their adaptability. Once established, they can tolerate both wet and dry conditions, making them a reliable choice for a wide variety of garden settings. They perform beautifully in full sun to part shade, with brighter light often enhancing foliage colour. Their upright form and textural presence pair well with perennials, shrubs, and grasses, or they can be used on their own for a clean, contemporary look.

Phormiums are also well-suited to container planting, where their strong form adds instant impact to patios, entryways, and outdoor living spaces. Whether planted in the ground or in pots, they provide long-lasting structure and colour throughout the seasons.

Care and Maintenance

Phormiums are considered low-maintenance shrubs, making them an excellent option for both novice and experienced gardeners. In early spring, applying a **Home & Garden Excellence All Purpose Fertilizer** will support healthy growth and vibrant foliage. Routine care is minimal—simply remove any dead, damaged, or untidy leaves as needed to keep the plant looking its best.

Winter Care

Most varieties of New Zealand Flax planted in the ground are root hardy to approximately -7°C in our area, although foliage may suffer damage during prolonged freezes below -2°C . During extended cold periods, plants should be heavily mulched at the base to protect the roots. Covering or loosely wrapping the foliage with opaque black plastic can help reduce wind damage and limit cold exposure.

Phormiums grown in containers require extra protection, as their

roots are more exposed to freezing temperatures. When temperatures drop below 0°C for extended periods, potted plants should be moved into an unheated garage or basement until conditions improve. For larger containers that are difficult to move, wrap the pot with 2–3 layers of bubble wrap to insulate the roots, and cover the foliage with two layers of bubble wrap or opaque black plastic for added protection.

With proper care, Phormiums will reward you with years of bold texture, colour, and reliable performance in the garden.

Our Phormiums

Variety	Height x Spread	Colors
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
Bronze	3'	Dark Reddish-brown, bronze-colored leaves
Dark Delight	3-4'	Dark, Reddish-brown leaves
Evening Glow	2-3' x 4-6'	Pink & Red Stripes
Golden Ray	4-5'	Broad green central streak, creamy golden stripes and fine orange-red to dark pink edge.
Jester	12-18" x 12-24"	Pink & Green Stripes
Matt's Merlot	3-4' x 3-4'	Deep burgundy to rich merlot red
Pink Flamingo	3-4' x 3-4'	Bright pink margins with creamy-white to soft green centres
Pink Panther	2-3' x 1-2'	Pink & Purple Stripes
Platts Black	3-4' x 3-4'	Dark burgundy to black
Rainbow Maiden	3-4' x 3-4'	Pink with darker pink to red margins
Rainbow Queen	2-3' x 2-3'	Red, bronze & pink
Rainbow Sunrise	4-5' x 3-4'	Rich burgundy to blush pink with vibrant yellow edges
Sundowner	7-9'x7-9'	Bronze-green, with rose-pink margins that fade to cream in summer.
Tom Thumb	1-2' x 1-2'	Green, Coppery-Bronze
Wings of Gold	3-4' x 2-3'	Yellow & Green Stripes



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