

Panicum 'Hot Rod'

Key Features

- ✓ Colors earlier in the season than any other selection, May-June in North America.
- ✓ Entire plant becomes a deep purple maroon.
- ✓ Very upright habit

Characteristics

Genus & Species:	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>
Protection Status:	US Plant Patent 26,074.
USDA Zone:	Zone 4 (-30°F or -34°C).
Bloom:	Airy red panicles held above the foliage.
Bloom Time:	Mid to late summer. Panicles persist through winter.
Foliage:	Colors earlier than other selections. Blades emerge blue-green and rapidly the whole plant turns a deep rich maroon.
Habit:	Compact, firmly upright habit 36-40" x 36".
Propagation:	Division & TC. <i>License required for propagation.</i>
Culture:	Grows best in well-drained soil in full sun.
Additional Comments:	Drought tolerant once established. Attractive if left uncut through the winter months. Commonly called "Red Switch Grass".
Uses:	Garden beds & border, landscape plantings, screening & containers.

Approximate Finishing Time

1 Gallon:	8-12 weeks
2 Gallons:	14-18 weeks

Comparison: *P. 'Prairie Fire'*

Key Differences:

- ✓ '**Hot Rod**' foliage colors early (May) **vs.** foliage colors later (July).
- ✓ '**Hot Rod**' full plant colors **vs.** part of the plant colors.
- ✓ '**Hot Rod**' color is deepest maroon **vs.** color is lighter maroon.

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