



Dianella tasmanica 'Tasred™' – Best Management Practices

General Description:

- Tight-clumping rhizomatous perennial; slow spread
- Drought tolerant.
- Evergreen in normal winters to 25° F (Zones 8-11). Hardy to Zone 7.
- Medium growth rate. 1.5 ft. high x 1.5 ft. wide.

Position:

- Grows well in filtered sun to partial shade.
- Tolerates windy, salt laden positions.
- Best suited for free draining soils; avoid depressed areas with saturated soils; slightly acidic.

Planting Density:

- For quart or one gallon pots, plant on 18 to 24 inch centers
- Three gallon plants should be specified on 30 inch centers



Plant Care:

- Do not bury the crown of the plant when planting.
- Water as required to keep the plant healthy for the first 8 to 16 weeks; Do not over water; saturated soils can lead to leaf spot and possibly crown rot, particularly in areas with high humidity.
- If trimming is required, use a sharp implement and cut to 3 in. above the ground. Avoid trimming in drought conditions, or in the middle of summer.
- Fertilize in spring and fall using a slow release fertilizer with a 3:1:3 blend ratio plus micronutrients (Iron)

Weed control:

As with all weed control, a proactive approach is usually the most effective. By increasing planting density and using pre emergent herbicides close to the time of planting, adequate control can be achieved with a minimal investment. For pre-emergent control, use Ronstar or Rout at the labeled rate. If post emergent control is needed, Fusilade can be used to selectively remove grass weeds. At this time the only known method for removing broadleaf weeds post emergence from Baby Bliss is a directed spray of Glyphosate (Roundup). When spot spraying with Glyphosate, ensure drift or overspray does not accidentally contact the Tasred. Do not spot spray on windy days.

Disease and Insect Control:

Susceptible to *Colletotrichum* fungal leafspot. Tasred is best suited for arid environments but will also thrive in more humid climates as long as it is planted in the right environment. In these areas, plant Tasred in a free draining area (slopes, raised beds, light soils) with no overhead irrigation. If chemical treatment is necessary, a foliar application of a copper-based fungicide and/or chlorothalonyl will control the occurrence of leaf spot. No significant insect problems.

ALWAYS READ THE LABEL BEFORE APPLYING ANY PESTICIDE. It is always recommended that pesticides are trialed on smaller areas initially to test for phytotoxicity. VersaScapes assumes no liability written or implied.

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