

LANDSCAPING WITH ORNAMENTAL GRASSES



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WHAT ARE ORNAMENTAL GRASSES?

- True grasses are: *Poaceae*
- Grass-like plants
- Grass look-alikes
- Lawns?



TYPES

Clumping grasses



Running grasses



- Warm season grasses
- Cool season grasses



USES . . .



SCREENING



Miscanthus sinensis 'Gracillimus'



Miscanthus sinensis var. *condensatus*
'Cosmopolitan'



IN MIXED SHRUB & PERENNIAL BEDS



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AS GROUND COVERS



Festuca glauca
(Common Blue
Fescue)

Carex pennsylvanica
(Pennsylvania Sedge)



AS SPECIMEN PLANTS & FOCAL POINTS



Calamagrostis x acutiflora
'Karl Foerster'



Pink Muhly



IN CONTAINERS



Japanese Forest Grass



Red Fountain Grass



AS WINTER INTEREST



Panicum virgatum
'Heavy Metal'



Miscanthus



SITE CONSIDERATIONS

- Plant hardiness zones
 - USDA
 - Sunset
- Exposure
- Dry / wet areas
- Soil type



PLANTING & MAINTENANCE

- Planting
- Mulching
- Watering
- Fertilizing
- Cutting back
- Dividing



BASIC SETUP FOR A DRIP IRRIGATION SYSTEM

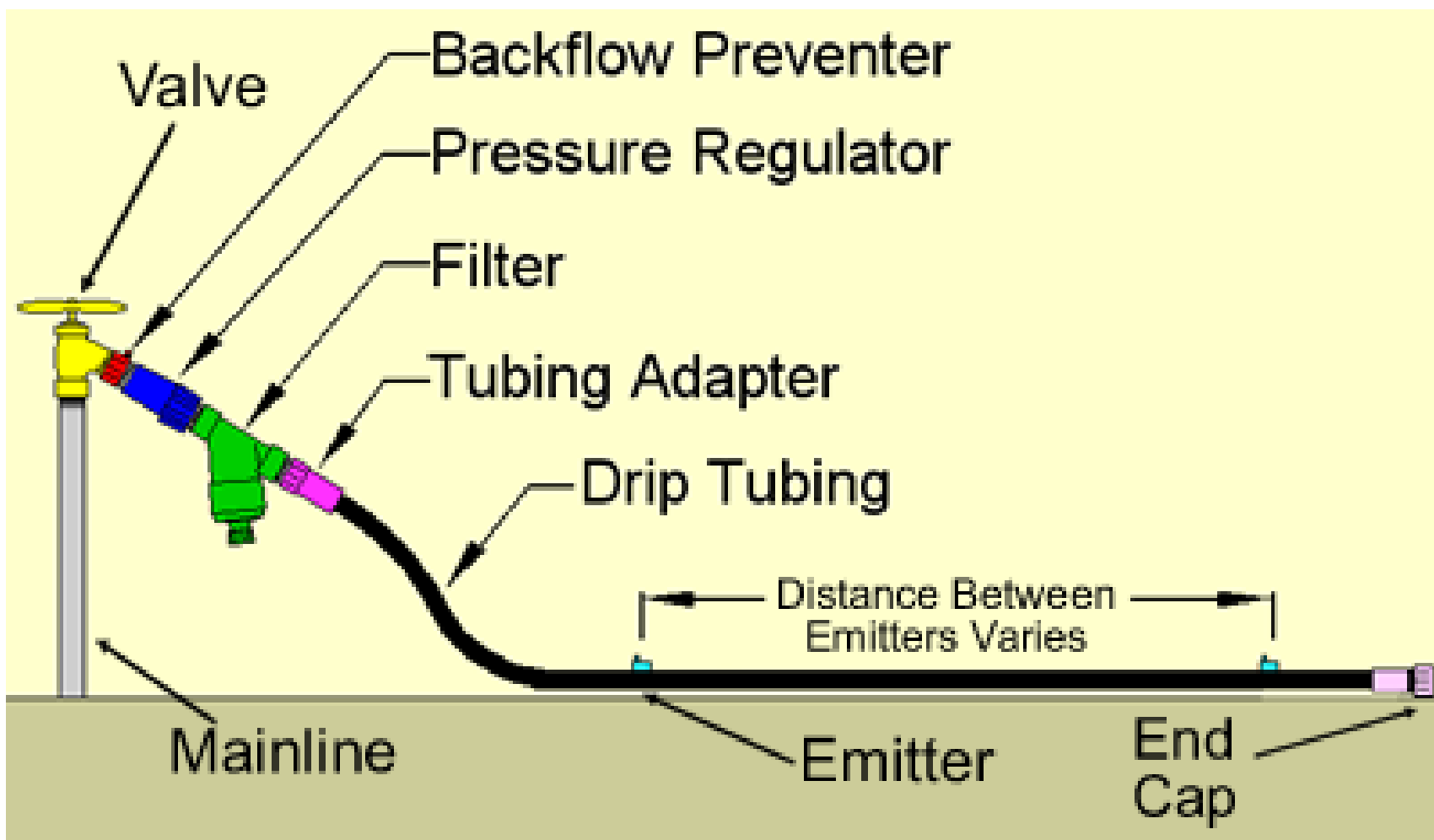


PHOTO GALLERY





Arrhenatherum elatius bulbosum
'Variegatum'
(Bulbous Oat Grass)





Bouteloua gracilis
'Blond Ambition'

PP #22,048

(Blue Grama,
Mosquito Grass)





Calamagrostis x acutiflora 'Karl Foerster'
(Feather Reed Grass)





Carex buchananii
(Leatherleaf Sedge)





Carex pansa
(California Meadow Sedge)
* CA Native *





Chasmanthium latifolium
(Sea Oats)





Deschampsia cespitosa
(Hair Grass)



Festuca glauca 'Elijah Blue'
(Common Blue Fescue)



Hakonechloa macra
'All Gold'
(Japanese Forest Grass)



Hakonechloa macra
'Aureola'
(Japanese Forest Grass)





Helictotrichon sempervirens
(Blue Oat Grass)





Imperata cylindrica 'Rubra'
(Japanese Blood Grass)





Juncus patens
(California Gray Rush)
* CA Native *





Miscanthus sp.



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Muhlenbergia capillaris
(Pink Muhly)



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Muhlenbergia rigens (Deer Grass)

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Ophiopogon japonica
(Mondo Grass)

Ophiopogon planiscapus
'Nigrescens'
(Black Mondo Grass)





Panicum virgatum 'Shenandoah'
(Switch Grass)





Schizachyrium scoparium
(Little Bluestem)



Thank you so much for attending



Happy Gardening!



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