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Botanical Name:	Phormium tenax Sweet Mist
Common Names:	New Zealand Flax, PHOS2,
Native:	No
Foliage Type:	Evergreen
Plant Type:	Grasses, Strappy & Tufting
Plant Habit:	Clumping, Tufting

Description:

Sweet Mist® Phormium is an ultra-compact, bronze coloured Phormium. It is much tougher than Elfin and Bronze Baby with cleaner foliage and is one of the most compact forms available. Size: 40cm high x 40cm wide. Uses: Mass plantings, low borders, fill in plant, containers and patio pots.

Family Name: Phormiaceae

Origin: PacificIslands

Characteristics:

Foliage Colours: Brown, Purple

Flower Colours: Insignificant

Flower Fragrant: No

Flowering Season: N/A

Fruit: Insignificant

Requirements:

Growth Rate: Moderate

Maintenance Level: Low

Water Usage: Medium / Moderate

Tolerances:

Drought: Medium / Moderate

Frost: Moderate, High

Wind: Moderate, High

Mature Height: 30-60cm **Position:** Semi Shade

Mature Width: 30-60cm **Soil Type:** Loam, Sandy, Well Drained

Landscape Use(s): Borders / Shrubbery, Coastal Garden, Foliage Feature / Colour, Formal Garden, Low Water Garden, Mass Planting, Shady Garden, Tropical Garden, Container / Pot

Pest & Diseases:

Generally trouble free

Cultural Notes:

Care: Water as required for 8-13 weeks until established, needs water in summer. Plant in a well mulched garden (chunky mulch is recommended). Ensure crown or base of plant is not below soil level. If required use slow release fertiliser in spring. Remove older foliage as required or every 5-7 years cut back to half the height (will look better with pruning every 5 years, this depends on your requirements). Where it works: VIC, TAS, SA, WA, ACT & NSW (not suited to north of Sydney and QLD) In Sydney it needs a shaded position and irrigation, except for coastal positions which will handle full sun.

Plant Care:

Annual slow release fertiliser, Keep moist during dry periods, Mulch well

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