

WANTED

**Fountain Grass
Call 573-MISC**



What is it?

- Fountain grass (*Pennisetum setaceum*) is a bunchgrass from Africa that is invading Hawai'i.
- The gray-green leaves are cylindrical and grow in a dense clump.
- The flowers grow in a spike and are purplish when young and white when dry.
- It grows up to 3 ft tall.
- On Maui, fountain grass is typically found in dry areas from sea-level to 6,500' elevation.

Why is it a problem in Hawai'i?

- Fountain grass is drought and fire resistant. Seeds are spread by the wind, animals, vehicles, and people.
- Fountain grass spreads wildfires and rapidly regrows, damaging dry forest plants that are not adapted to fire.
- It threatens agricultural and natural areas.
- Fountain grass is on the State noxious weed list.

What is MISC doing?

- The Maui Invasive Species Committee is a partnership fighting to protect Maui County from invasive plants and animals that threaten our environment, economy, and quality of life.
- MISC works to prevent invasive species from becoming established on Maui.
- MISC controls invasive species on private and public property free of charge.
- MISC educates people about invasive species and how to protect Maui.

What can you do?

- Never import or plant fountain grass.
- If you have fountain grass, call MISC and give us permission to control it on your property.
- If you see fountain grass growing or for sale, call MISC.
- Encourage your friends not to buy this or other pest plants so nurseries will stop selling them.
- Learn more. Visit the website <http://www.hear.org/AlienSpeciesInHawaii/>

Together we can keep "Maui Nō Ka 'Oī!"



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