

PLANTS TO READ ABOUT

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PLANT PORTRAIT

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Botanical name	Carex morrowii 'Ice Dance'
Delivery size	9 cm pot per plant · approx. 10–25 cm total height including the pot · quantity according to the selected set
Habit	Perennial, wintergreen sedge; slowly widening, arching cushions
Expected height	About 20–30 cm according to the shop; may grow taller depending on position
Flowering time	Late spring
Flower colour	Inconspicuous brown spikes
Planting time	Preferably spring or early autumn in frost-free, workable soil; avoid heat and waterlogged earth
Spacing	About 30–50 cm between plant centres, depending on the desired coverage

Care at a glance

Observe, check and adapt care to the position and season. This table provides guidance for everyday practice.

Topic	What to do	Why it helps
Position	Choose bright partial shade with accessible soil moisture.	The white leaf arches stay fresh more easily there than against a hot wall.
Soil	Prepare loose, humus-rich soil; avoid standing water.	Sedge roots need both moisture and air.
Planting	Plant in frost-free soil during mild weather and water thoroughly.	This connects the small 9 cm rootball with the surrounding garden soil.
Spacing	Allow approximately 30–50 cm between plant centres.	The slowly widening foliage cushions need room to the sides.
Water	Check the original rootball separately while it establishes; later water according to dryness.	Dark soil beside the rootball does not prove that the rootball itself has enough water.
Feeding	Be restrained in good border soil; supplement only if needed in spring.	Extra nutrients do not cure dry leaf tips.
Foliage care	Remove dead leaves and old spikes selectively; retain living foliage.	A low shearing removes the white-edged display of this wintergreen variety.
Division	Divide older cushions that have become too wide in spring and replant vigorous pieces.	The new divisions then need water again to establish.
Winter	Protect container roots and check for dryness on frost-free days.	Even retained winter foliage stands above a limited water reservoir.

Knowledge that grows

Pale edges rather than large flowers

With Ice Dance, the effect is in each leaf: a pale, whitish edge runs along both sides of the green blade. Many such lines make even a low clump easy to recognise from a distance. The variety is a sedge, belonging to the sedge family rather than the true grasses. Its small brown spikes in late spring can remain in the background. Repeated groups in front of dark shrub foliage or beside larger fern fronds make the leaf pattern particularly clear, without the border needing to be in constant flower.

A small pot gradually becomes a cushion

The shop plants begin in a 9 cm pot at approximately 10–25 cm total height including the pot. These are individual young plants; the desired quantity comes from the selected set. For border planning, the shop gives around 20–30 cm garden height. Position and age affect the actual size. Approximately 30–50 cm between plant centres is a useful starting point. Closer planting produces a continuous edging sooner; wider spacing leaves each leaf shape individually visible for longer. The slowly widening cushions will also need lateral space later, particularly alongside a narrow path.

A cool garden spot with accessible water

Bright partial shade makes it easier to keep the foliage fresh. Shade is also possible; a dry spot immediately beside large tree roots still needs attention. Sunnier positions are possible with dependable moisture, but water consumption increases substantially against a hot wall. Check not only the light conditions but also the soil a few centimetres deep. Humus and a loose structure help retain moisture. Compacted hollows that stay wet for longer are less suitable: the rootball needs air as well as water.

Let it settle and check the small rootball

After unpacking, water the sedge if its rootball has dried out. Place it in a sheltered spot outside initially, then plant it reasonably soon in the prepared border. Keep the top of the rootball level with the surrounding soil. After watering in, explicitly check the original small rootball during dry spells. Briefly wetting the border surface does not necessarily reach it. Established plants are watered according to the weather and actual soil moisture. In a pot, checks remain more frequent because the limited root space dries out faster.

Keep the white arches when tidying

Wintergreen does not mean that every leaf survives the cold season unchanged. Some outer leaves may turn brown or dry at the tips. Gently pull out loose dead leaves; cut attached dead foliage individually. Retain healthy green, white-edged leaves. A low overall cut would unnecessarily remove the foliage display. If an older cushion becomes too wide or weak in the centre, divide it in spring. Replant vigorous pieces and support them as you would a fresh planting.

Brown tips are a reason to observe

When edges dry out, check root moisture, sun and drying wind first. Extra fertiliser does not correct a dry rootball. Well-prepared garden soil often provides enough nutrients; supplement moderately in spring only if growth is weak. In a container, drainage and substrate structure must work. For winter, the pot stays sheltered outside and receives root protection during hard frost. Check for dryness on frost-free days. Choosing the position, managing water and careful tidying remain the three most important tasks for this foliage plant.

Pictures and details

Images and descriptions from this portrait. Decorative items are not included in the offer.



Unchanged original shop photograph of one young plant; 9 cm pot per plant, approx. 10–25 cm total height including the pot. The selected set determines the quantity.



AI-created leaf detail based on the original shop photograph. The closer view enlarges the leaf characteristics and does not indicate a larger delivery plant. Surroundings are not included in the delivery.

Good to know

How do I recognise Ice Dance?

By its narrow green leaves with whitish edges. A yellow centre is not part of this leaf pattern.

Is the delivery height its final height?

No. The 10–25 cm is the total height of the young potted plant. For older border plants, the offer gives about 20–30 cm; position and age influence development.

Can it grow under trees?

Yes, if the root space retains enough moisture. Shade alone does not prevent dryness caused by competing woody roots.

Must I cut off all the foliage?

No. Dead foliage is removed selectively from this wintergreen sedge; healthy edged leaves stay in place.

When should I divide a cushion that is too wide?

In spring. Replant vigorous divisions at the previous rootball level and water well.

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