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Hi Linda- I've recently redone my front landscape with some Azaleas, Euonymus, Day Lilly's, Speedwells, and Variegated Blue Oat Grasses. The space is part sun in the afternoon and in the shade in early morning. The oat grass has burned out. I thought it was sun tolerant but I'm guessing I was wrong. Any thoughts on how to revive or another suggestion to replant? Thanks! Love reading your suggestions! - Jennifer



Hi Jennifer.

Blue Oat Grass prefers a full sun, dry environment, but Blue Oat Grass is not variegated, so perhaps you planted a variegated Sedge Grass (Carex)? There are lots of different cultivars of Carex. All of them like part sun/part shade but some like moist soil and some like dry soil. Most of the variegated sedges need a moist soil to thrive. Appalachian Sedge (Carex appalachica) is a sedge that prefers dry soil, but it is not variegated. Blue Zinger Sedge (Carex flacca 'Blue Zinger) is another sedge that likes shade and a drier soil. Although it's not a Sedge, Hakone Grass (Hakonecloa macra

'Aureola') is another grass that likes the shade, dry soil and is variegated, but it gets larger than a Sedge.

Good Luck.

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