

MAKING THE LAWN SEED DECISION

There are a few environmental questions that's you as a homeowner need to answer before making a decision on what lawn seed to buy. Does the majority of your lawn receive a lot of sun? Do you have a substantial amount of shade? Will you have a considerable amount of traffic and play on the lawn? Do you plan to regularly irrigate the lawn?

Environmental Considerations

Generally Sunny with Irrigation

In the northern portions of cool, humid, semi-arid and inter-mountain areas consider the Supreme Blue or the PicturePerfect mixtures.

A Considerable Amount of Shade

Look for our improved ShadySite mixture which has a higher percentage of fine fescue for better shade tolerance.

High Traffic and Play

Our TuffTurf mixture has improved Kentucky bluegrasses with a relatively high percentage of improved perennial ryegrasses and fescues which are ideal for high traffic areas.

Make Sure You Buy Quality Seed!

As a homeowner; be wary of low cost seed mixtures. They often contain common, un-adapted, temporary, and low-quality grasses. Improved seed varieties will generally cost a bit more, but within that seed lies the potential for improved lawn quality. The performance and environmental benefits are worth the cost differential for a healthy, attractive lawn. And remember, premium lawn seed is still one of the least costly products you can buy to improve the value and environment of your home and landscape. All of our Country Basic Lawn Mixes own use premium turf grass seed.

Planting For Success

Spring Planting

Early spring when temperature is between 40-75°F is the ideal time for seeding. Freezing or colder temperatures should not harm the seed or the young seedlings, but may slow down the germination or initial growth by a few days or weeks.

Fall Planting

As a general rule, your seedling should be completed from 6-8 weeks before the first traditional frost and after temperatures are consistently below 65°F.

Sowing Your Seed

1. Seed on a windless day when spreading will not be affected by high winds and heat.
2. You can apply the seed with either a hand caster, a wheeled spreader, or by hand. *Make sure you apply only the amount of seed recommended on our seed label and no more.* Adjust your spreading so each pass allows approximately 10 seeds per square inch so you can make two passes in different directions (90 degrees to the first pass). After two passes you should have approximately 10 seeds per square inch so you can make two passes in different directions (90 degrees to the first pass). After two passes you should have approximately 16-22 seeds per square inch.
3. Take an empty lawn roller and lightly roll the soil so the seeds can make good contact with the soil.
4. If you are expecting high heat and/or winds, you may want to apply a thin (usually 1/8" – 1/4"), moisture retaining layer of Humus on top of the soil. *Consult your dealer for more details.*
5. *Watering is important.* Keep the top 1/2" of soil moist. It is recommended, if possible, during the first 3-4 weeks of growth water 2-3 times daily. This will prevent the seedlings from drying out.
6. *Protect your lawn from people and animals that might disturb growth.* If you need, use a string and/or fence to protect these areas until grown.
7. Do not attempt to mow your lawn until it has reached 4" in height.
8. *Fertilizing.* You can fertilize after the lawn has been mowed for the first time (4-6 weeks)

