

TALL FESCUE - TURF TYPE



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Tall Fescue

This is a dark green, rhizome rich, turf-type tall fescue that has proven its hardiness in Colorado, withstanding both the cold winters and the hot summers. It is well adapted to climates throughout the Transition Zone and shows some recovery from damage. This semi-dwarf, fine textured grass is lower-maintenance and slower-growing than a traditional bluegrass lawn. When partnered with a sandy soil, this grass can save the customer about 15-20% on his/her water bill. This Fescue has high endophyte levels for insect resistance and has excellent resistance to Brown Patch and Pink Patch. All this makes this grass suitable for use in lower use home lawns, commercial areas, parks, and golf course roughs where wear tolerance and water conservation are a consideration.

Soil Recommendations

Though tall fescue performs best in sandy soils, it has been successfully grown on a wide variety of soil types. No matter what kind of soil type you have, proper preparation of that soil is necessary to give the grass a head start to a healthier and longer life. For a step-by-step guide on soil preparation, please visit our website or call and talk to one of our knowledgeable staff.

Shade Tolerance

One of tall fescue's most desirable qualities is its ability to handle more shade than most other turfgrasses in the Colorado area. However, please remember that each shade situation is unique and might require some equally unique attention.

Fertilization

Tall Fescue requires a low to medium nitrogen application with 2-4 pounds per 1000 square feet of actual Nitrogen per year in most situations. This amount should be separated into three applications throughout the growing season. Please visit our website for proper fertilization instructions.

Mowing

During the more aggressive growing months, this grass needs to be mowed once every 1 to 2 weeks. The prime growing/mowing height is between 2" and 3". Remember that you should not cut more than 1/3 of a grass blade off in any one mowing, in order to minimize the stress on the grass. For best results, be sure the mower blade is sharp each time you mow to avoid damage to the blades of turf.