

## Seeding Rates



### **Velvet Blue Blend**

3 lbs (1.40 kg) / 1000 sq ft (93 sq m)

### **Blue Ribbon Blend**

5 lbs (2.25 kg) / 1000 sq ft (93 sq m)

### **Sun & Shade Blend**

6 lbs (2.70 kg) / 1000 sq ft (93 sq m)

### **Northeast Blend**

3 lbs (1.40 kg) / 1000 sq ft (93 sq m)

### **Triple-Play Tall Fescue Blend**

12 lbs (5.40 kg) / 1000 sq ft (93 sq m)

### **Fine Fescue Blend**

8 lbs (3.60 kg) / 1000 sq ft (93 sq m)

### **Perennial Ryegrass Blend**

10 lbs (4.50 kg) / 1000 sq ft (93 sq m)

### **Northwest Blend**

8 lbs (3.60 kg) / 1000 sq ft (93 sq m)

### **Bahiagrass Blend**

3 lbs (1.40 kg) / 1000 sq ft (93 sq m)

### **Bermudagrass Blend**

4 lbs (1.80 kg) / 1000 sq ft (93 sq m)

### **Buffalograss Blend**

3 lbs (1.40 kg) / 1000 sq ft (93 sq m)

### **Zoysia Grass**

5 lbs (2.25 kg) / 1000 sq ft (93 sq m)

*Note: These seeding rates are for new lawns. When overseeding, use half as much seed.*

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## About Nature's Seed

Nature's Seed has been providing the highest quality seed products and services to large landowners and homeowners since 1988. Our reputation as the "go-to" source for solving the most complex reclamation, revegetation, rangeland and beautification challenges is second to none. Quality—in everything we do—is the hallmark of Nature's Seed.

### Our Seed Production

In addition to our own field production, Nature's Seed uses an extensive network of trusted wildland collectors and growers—built over years of experience—to provide you with the highest quality seed for your pasture, landscaping, or beautification project.

Particularly with lawn grass seed, competition to develop new and improved types has resulted in hundreds of varieties. Instead of being limited to a single producer, Nature's Seed stocks only the best performing "golf-grade" varieties for your lawn.

### Our Seed Purity

Our quality controls include custom cleaning, followed by purity and germination testing performed by independent seed labs on all of our seed. Unlike most of our competitors, we provide pure, proven seed with no added inert fillers (such as sawdust) or filler species (such as annual ryegrass).

 **Nature's Seed**<sup>TM</sup>  
*Where do you want to grow?*

# Lawn Seed PLANTING GUIDE

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## Site Preparation

Preparing the site for seeding is **the most important step** to ensure a beautiful, lush, and even lawn for years to come. To ensure that the soil is fertile enough to support your new lawn, call your local County Extension Agent and have them perform a soil test.

### Remove Existing Vegetation

1. **Remove existing vegetation** on your new lawn site. The most successful way to do this is to apply a **non-selective herbicide** according to the manufacturer recommendations. Spray when vegetation is actively growing.

2. **Wait 7 days**, or longer if indicated by the herbicide manufacturer, then **till** the site to a **depth of 4 to 6 inches**.



3. After tilling use a rake to **remove vegetative debris and rocks** larger than a golf ball.

### Grade, Amend & Till

1. For proper drainage, create a minimum of a **5% slope** away from any house or foundational structure (6 in. drop for every 10 ft.). This slope should continue for **at least 10 feet**.

2. Evenly distribute any **soil amendments, top-soil, sand, etcetera** as recommended on your soil test.

3. **Till** the amendments into the site at a **depth of 4 to 6 inches** to avoid interfacing (multiple layers of different soil that are prone to slip apart and impede water flow) and to properly integrate them into the soil.



## Sprinklers & Final Grading

Irrigation is key to a successful new lawn planting. It is important to **keep the seed moist, not sopping wet**, throughout the establishment process. Young seedlings are especially vulnerable to drying out.

### Install Sprinklers

1. After the initial Site Preparation is complete it is time to **install a good sprinkler system**. Make sure that the sprinklers provide “**head-to-head**” coverage, as illustrated below:



2. **Fill in the trenches** once the sprinklers have been installed. **Bury the sprinkler heads** so the tops are about 1/4 inch above the soil. Make sure to properly pack the trenches to avoid collapse during watering.

### Apply Final Grading & Lightly Compact

1. Apply a final grading by **raking the site smooth and removing rocks**.

2. If you can leave a **footprint in the soil** that is **more than 1 inch deep**, then a lawn roller is required to firm-up the soil. **Fill the lawn roller 1/2 full of water** and roll it across the soil until it is compacted according to the 1 inch rule. This step creates the final foundation for your new lawn. So, take the time to do it properly.



## Planting & Maintenance

The ideal time to plant lawn seed is when daytime air temperatures have been around **70°F for 2 weeks** making soil temperatures around 50°F.

### Apply Starter Fertilizer (optional)

1. Using a spreader, **apply starter fertilizer as labeled in two directions**, half walking north/south and the other half walking east/west.

### Plant the Seed

1. **Adjust the seed spreader to half the listed seeding rate** for your seed blend. Settings are found in the spreader’s manual.

2. Using a spreader, **apply the seed in two directions**, half walking north/south and the other half walking east/west. This reduces the chance for bare spots.



3. **Important: keep people and pets off the site and do not use herbicides** to kill weeds until after the 2<sup>nd</sup> mowing.

### Water the Seed

1. During establishment, set the sprinklers to **water frequently for short periods** in order to saturate the top 3-4 inches of soil and to avoid drying out. See Watering Guide for details.

### Maintain the New Lawn



1. The 1<sup>st</sup> mowing may occur when the grass is **2 to 3 inches tall**.

2. If necessary, use a broadleaf herbicide **after the 2<sup>nd</sup> mowing** to remove weeds.

3. After the 3<sup>rd</sup> mowing, apply a **balanced fertilizer (16-6-8)** to invigorate the new lawn.