

Bluegrass Lawn Grass Seed

Bluegrass Lawn Grass Seed - Bluegrass seed is used in parks, lawns, pastures and athletic field applications throughout the northern climates. Bluegrass is adapted to well-drained loams and heavier soil types of medium and better productivity. Bluegrass will be dominant in pastures only if the soil has a salt pH of 5.3 or higher and at least a medium level of phosphorus. Although Bluegrass often becomes dormant during dry weather, it will survive severe droughts.

Adaptation of Bluegrass

Climatic Zones: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

(may not be adaptable to all areas within each climatic zone)

Bluegrass seed is an excellent lawn grass for areas in the northern 2/3 of the United States. It is the most widely used of the cool-season grasses because it is adaptive to a wide range of soil and climate conditions. Bluegrass sod is very tough and may be used in semi-improved and unimproved areas such as physical training areas, airfields, parks, cemeteries and open lawn areas. It does not require close cutting to be attractive. It loves cool damp conditions but suffers during stressful periods of high heat and drought.

Preparation

A good seed bed is essential for establishing a good stand of bluegrass from seed. Till the soil three to four inches deep, remove all sticks, rocks, and other debris. Continue tilling until the soil is free of all clumps. Level and smooth the area to prepare a suitable seed bed. Incorporate 15 lbs. of 16-4-8 fertilizer per 1000 sq. ft. the drag or roll the seedbed smooth.

Seeding Bluegrass Lawns

Using a over the shoulder or hand held spreader, spread 2 to 3 pounds of bluegrass seed per 1000 sq. ft. Rake the seed into the seedbed very lightly then roll firm with a lawn roller. Care should be taken not to cover bluegrass seed more than ½ inch with soil.

Watering

Water the area to moisten the top 2 inches of soil. In the absence of rain, water the seeded area lightly each day to keep the top two inches of soil moist. Continue water applications daily until the bluegrass seedlings are three weeks old. Reduce watering to three times per week for the next thirty days unless there is adequate rainfall. For pastures, airfields, unimproved areas etc. use 30 lbs. of bluegrass seed per acre.

Maintaining Bluegrass

Bluegrass is a low maintenance grass and one should plant bluegrass if they are interested in a lower maintenance yet beautiful grass. One should consult the County Extension Agent for specific maintenance recommendations of your area. Since Bluegrass grows in 2/3 of the U.S.A. there are too many soil types and other variables to list all the maintenance requirements for all the different areas of the country.