

## Shady Lawn Grass Seed

Shady Lawn Grass Seed - There are three main necessities for growing lawn grasses under partial and heavy shaded lawns. Most lawn grass seed varieties will survive under partial shade with a few simple procedures.

**Sunlight:** Many homeowners believe it is not possible to successfully grow grass under trees because there is not as much sunlight. Most grasses do grow better in direct sunlight, however, many lawn grass seed varieties will grow under trees with filtered light under trees with a little support.

**Irrigation:** The real culprit is not lack of sunlight but rather a lack of water. During long dry spells the trees will take up all available water leaving little to none for your lawn grass. If supplemental water is not added by irrigation, the grass will wither and die. So, if you want to successfully grow grass under your trees it is necessary to put in an irrigation system.

**Fertilizer:** In addition to the irrigation you will need to fertilize the grass area under your trees more often than the sunny areas of your lawn. Because the trees are living and growing they will absorb all available soil nutrients leaving little for your lawn grass. Fertilize your Trees! Adding extra fertilizer under and around your trees will prevent the trees from stealing nutrients from your surrounding lawn grass areas.

### Shady Lawn Grass Seed Varieties: Southeast

**Fescue Lawn Grass Seed:** Greystone Fescue is our new discovery for heavily shaded lawns in the Southeast. The new variety of Fescue has proven to grow under dense tree cover without any irrigation or fertilization in the Southeast! Greystone Fescue grass produces a lush, dark green, fine textured lawn. Greystone Fescue is the only grass variety that we are aware of that will survive under dense shade without irrigation in the southeast. Greystone fescue is not recommended for full sun lawn grass applications in the southeast.

**Zoysia Lawn Grass Seed:** Zoysia lawn grass varieties will survive under partial shade if regularly irrigated and fertilized. Zoysia is not recommended for heavily shaded lawns. Zoysia grass varieties produce a premium lawn grass with a dark green appearance and soft fine textured feel. Zoysia grasses are commonly found on golf courses and high profile landscapes across the central and southern climates.

**Centipede Lawn Grass Seed:** Centipede lawn grass varieties will survive under partially shady conditions with regular irrigation and fertilization. Centipede grasses produce a premium lawn grass with a dark green appearance and low growing or crawling characteristic. Centipede is similar to St. Augustine in blade width and leaf texture. Centipede grass requires less mowing due to its low plant height.

**Bermuda Lawn Grass Seed:** Bermuda lawn grass varieties are moderately shade tolerant and will require frequent irrigation and fertilization. Bermuda lawn grass varieties provide a premium lawn grass with exceptionally dark green appearance with a soft fine textured feel. Bermuda grass is commonly found on golf courses, athletic fields and high profile landscapes.

**Bahia Lawn Grass Seed:** Bahiagrass will grow in moderately shaded lawns if moisture and nutrients are provided continuously. Argentine Bahiagrass is the most drought and shade tolerant of the bahia varieties.

**Ryegrass Lawn Grass Seed:** The reason rye grass grows so well under your trees in the winter is because the trees are dormant in the winter. When the tree is not actively growing, it is not taking up all the moisture and nutrients allowing the ryegrass to thrive under the trees. During the winter the trees have also mostly defoliated or dropped their leaves allowing sunlight to filter through. Ryegrasses are great for overseeding permanent lawn grass varieties such as Bahiagrass, Centipede, Bermuda and Zoysia.