



Genesee Grass Seed

Grass seed can be purchased at the Vista clubhouse office for \$10.00 per pound. 1 pound covers 500 sq. ft. with a properly calibrated spreader.

Genesee seed mix is a blend of Sideoats grama, Blue grama, Buffalo grass, Sheep fescue, Hard fescue, and Crested wheat grass.

Sowing instructions:

1. **Tilling:**
 - a. Till to 6-8 inches deep to reduce compaction from construction and prepare seedbed.
2. **Soil Preparation:**
 - a. Near house in higher maintenance areas: spread 3 cu. yards of organic matter (compost, peat, moss, etc.) Per 1000 sq. ft., use a grass starter fertilizer (high phosphorous) at applicable rates and till in 6-8-in. depth.
3. **Rake out rough grade:**
 - a. If left a little rough, it will resemble the undisturbed areas and may result in better establishment due to the moisture collected by roughness.
4. **Sow by drilling or broadcast spreading 20 lbs. per acre or 2 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft.:**
 - a. If broadcast sowing, cover seed with $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ in. soil by raking.
5. **Establish irrigation or no irrigation:**
 - a. **No irrigation:** Depending on the conditions of the season, sow between October 1 and April 1 to take advantage of natural precipitation.
 - b. **With irrigation:** sow immediately after last frost in spring and until end of June. Begin irrigation immediately and maintain a moist but soggy seedbed through daily light watering for 3 weeks. After 3 weeks, increase the amount of water applied but reduce the frequency to every other day for 2 weeks. Then, water once a week for a couple of weeks. After about 2 months, deep water every 2 weeks or as plant stress indicates for the first growing season.
 - c. **Long term care:** Deep water only during period of drought.

Percentages of the mix:

Sideoats Grama - FL RFNO	2% per unit
Blue Grama - Native	12% per unit
Hard Fescue - RTDU	21% per unit
Sheep Fescue - MX-86	20% per unit
Buffalograss - Sharps improved II	20% per unit
Crested Wheatgrass - Ephraim	25% per unit

What makes the grasses fire resistant?

All grasses will burn; these particular grasses are considered a fire mix because they are a “bunch” grass versus a “turf” grass, which won't carry a fire as well. They also don't grow as tall as other grasses like Brome and wheat. Lastly the number of stems that grow from each bunch is small, usually one or two stems and the leaves will remain low to the ground.

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