

## Low Grow Grass Mixture



### Description

**Low Grow Grass Mixture** consists of cool and warm season grasses, which are low growing bunch type grasses. This mix is ideal for low maintenance areas where you want low growing grasses with the natural native prairie-grass look. **Low Grow Grass Mixture** is the perfect for outlying areas on acreages and confined spaces where shorter ornamental and native species are desired. It provides season long interest and will be fully established in two to three years.

Botanical Name	Common Name	% of Mix
<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	Sideoats Grama	15%
<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>	Blue Grama	10%
<i>Festuca longifolia</i>	Hard Fine Fescue	20%
<i>Festuc ovina var. ovina</i>	Sheep Fine Fescue	20%
<i>Festuca spp.</i>	Blue Fine Fescue	25%
<i>Schizachyruim scoparium</i>	Little Bluestem	15%

### Main Uses:

Conservation Areas, Parks, Acreages, Low Maintenance Areas, Waterways and Ditches

### Seeding Rate:

New Seeding (bare ground): 32 LBs per acre

### Seeding Dates:

March– June

November-February (dormant seeding)

### Days to Germinate:

10-28 days as a Mixture



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# General Seeding Guidelines



## I. SEEDING DATES

April 15 to June 15

August 10 to October 15

November 15 to February 15

## II. SITE PREPARATION FOR BAREGROUND SEEDING

- i. Conduct a soil test, per acre, to determine any needed soil amendments
- ii. Check soil PH. Ideal PH is between 6.0 and 7.0
- iii. Eliminate existing vegetation
- iv. Spray with a non-selective herbicide
- v. Remove any dead vegetation
- vi. Add soil amendments. Adjust PH.
- vii. Till soil to a 4-6 inch depth
- viii. Remove any large debris
- ix. Pulverize and lightly roll soil
- x. Apply 1 lb of Phosphorous (P) ( $2.27 \text{ lbs P}_2\text{O}_5$ ) / 1000 ft<sup>2</sup> to soil surface

## III. SITE PREPARATION FOR INTERSEEDING/OVERSEEDING

- i. Conduct one soil test, per acre, to determine any need soil amendments
- ii. Check soil PH. Ideal PH is between 6.0 and 7.0
- iii. Remove any debris that may inhibit seeding
- iv. Mow area to be seeded if existing vegetation is higher than 3-4 inches

## IV. SEEDING METHODS

Seeding Method is base on the slope and soil at site. Use broadcast, drop, slit or drill seeding methods where erosion is not a concern.

- i. Seed should be planted .125 to .25 inches below soil surface
- ii. Plant two directions putting 1/2 of seed down each direction
- iii. Gently roll or rake seeded area to ensure good soil to seed contact
- iii. If inter-seeding into existing vegetation use a slicer/inter-seeder that cuts into existing vegetation and places the seed into the soil at an optimum depth of 1/4 to 1/2 inch and achieves good soil to seed contact
- iv. If broadcast seeding into existing vegetation drag a harrow or chain link fence over seeded area to ensure seed to soil contact.

Hydro seed steep slopes or areas where erosion is a concern..

- i. Broadcast 1/2 of the seed before hydro-seed mixture is applied
- ii. Place the other 1/2 in the hydro seed mixture

## V. WATERING REQUIREMENTS

- i. Water to field capacity immediately after seeding
- ii. The first three weeks after seeding keep top 1.t inches of soil moist
- iii. Weeks four through six after seeding water 3-4 times per week
- iv. After six weeks water when grass begins to show drought stress

## VI. FERTILIZATION AND MOWING

- i. Fertilize seeded area once for the first two months with .5 lbs of N / 1000ft<sup>2</sup> after seeding
- ii. Mow when the grass is one inch longer than desired height. Do not remove more than 1/3 of grass blade.