



KNOW WHAT TYPE OF GRASS IS RIGHT FOR YOUR YARD

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Whether you are starting a new lawn or renovating an existing one, choosing the right grass type depends on several factors, including growing conditions, personal preference, maintenance level and the amount of traffic the lawn will receive.

ZOYSIA

When properly cared for, zoysia makes an attractive, dense, dark green lawn. Selection such as Crowne, El Toro and Cavalier must be established by sod or plugs. All zoysia varieties have a moderate maintenance level, needing to be mown once a week in summer and requiring fertilization. Zoysiagrass is very wear- and drought- tolerant, and will grow in sun or partial shade. Overall, zoysia is a great choice for someone who wants a highly attractive lawn with moderate maintenance level.

CENTIPEDE

Centipede is a very low maintenance grass that is naturally apple green in color. Centipede prefers to grow in acidic soils and is sensitive to some common herbicides. Centipede is moderately drought- tolerant and requires little fertilization. In fact, over watering and excess fertilization are the main

contributing factors to a common disease known as large patch. Centipede lawns can be established from sod, or plugs or seeds. Centipede seed is often mixed with carpetgrass seed, which is similar to centipede, but does better in wetter areas. Both are tolerant of light shade. Centipede grass is great for someone looking for a low maintenance lawn.

ST. AUGUSTINE

St. Augustine is the most shade tolerant turfgrass for our area. It has a broad blade, medium green color and is tolerant of salt spray, though it prefers to grow in fertile soil. St. Augustine grows quick in summer, but does not tolerate heavy wear. St. Augustine lawns are established from sod or plugs. It's a good choice for those with shady yards or for lawns that receive salt spray.

BERMUDA

Bermuda is a very vigorous, drought- and wear- tolerant turf that grows well even in shady sandy soils. It has the highest maintenance requirement, requiring frequent mowing and regular fertilization in order to make a dense turf. Bermuda's extreme vigor can be a problem though as it frequently grows in landscape beds and gardens. All Bermuda varieties need full sun and are tolerant of salt spray. Seeded Bermuda lawns are a good choice for people who want quick coverage at a low cost. Both seeded and sodded Bermuda lawns work well in areas that get a lot of heavy traffic, but both require regular maintenance to keep them looking good.

Ratings of Selected Warm Season Grasses

Rate of establishment (fast to slow)

Bermudagrass - St. Augustinegrass-Centipedegrass -Zoysiagrass

Leaf Texture (Coarse to fine)

St. Augustinegrass -Centipedegrass-Zoysiagrass-Bermudagrass

Cold Tolerance (high to low)

Zoysiagrass-Bermudagrass -Centipedegrass -St. Augustinegrass

Heat Tolerance (high to low)

Zoysiagrass-Bermudagrass -Centipedegrass-St. Augustinegrass

Drought Tolerance (high to low)

Bermudagrass-Zoysiagrass -St. Augustinegrass-Centipedegrass

Shade Tolerance (high to low)

St Augustinegrass-Zoysiagrass-Centipedegrass -Bermudagrass

Soil Acidity Tolerance (high to low)

Centipedegrass-Bermudagrass-Zoysiagrass-St. Augustinegrass

Salt Tolerance (high to low)

Bermudagrass-Zoysiagrass-St Augustinegrass -Centipedegrass

Mowing Height (high to low)

St. Augustinegrass -Centipedegrass-Zoysiagrass-Bermudagrass

Fertility Requirements (high to low)

Bermudagrass-St. Augustinegrass-Zoysiagrass-Centipedegrass

Wear Resistance (high to low)

Zoysiagrass-Bermudagrass -St Augustinegrass -Centipedegrass

Ability to recover from wear (high to low)

Bermudagrass-St. Augustinegrass -Centipedegrass-Zoysiagrass