

Turf Specifications

Variety	Mowing Height Range	Optimal Mowing Height (Assumes Correct Frequency)
Buffalo grass	2 to 4 inches	2.5 inches
Centipede grass	1.5 to 2.5 inches	2 inches
Common Bermuda grass	1 to 3 inches	1.5 inches
Hybrid Bermuda grass	.75 to 2 inches	1 inch
Kentucky Bluegrass	1.5 to 3 inches	2 inches
St. Augustine grass	2.5 to 4 inches	2.5 inches
Tall Fescue	2 to 4 inches	2.5 inches
Texas Bluegrass (Reveille)	1.5 to 3 inches	2 inches
Zoysia Japonica*	1 to 2.5 inches	1.5 inches
Zoysia matrella*	.75 to 2 inches	1 inch

Grass Species	Shade Tolerance	Water Requirement	Traffic Tolerance
St. Augustine	High	Medium	Low
Bermuda	Very low	Medium - Low	High
Buffalo	Medium	Very low	Medium
Centipede	Medium	Medium	Low
Tall Fescue	High	Medium	Medium
Zoysia japonica*	Medium - High	Medium	High
Zoysia matrella*	Medium - High	Medium	Medium

Grass Species	Cold Tolerance	Salinity Tolerance	Disease Potential
St. Augustine	Low	Medium	High
Bermuda	Medium	Medium - High	Medium - Low
Buffalo	High	Low	Low
Centipede	Low - Medium	Low	Medium - Low
Tall Fescue	High	Low	Low
Zoysia japonica*	High	Medium - High	Medium - Low
Zoysia matrella*	Medium	Medium	Medium - Low

Grass Species	Mowing Frequency	Mowing Height	Fertility Requirement	Leaf Texture
St. Augustine	5-7 days	2.5 -3.5 inches	Medium	Coarse
Bermuda	3-7 days	1.0-1.5 inches	High	Fine
Buffalo	7-14 days	2.5-3 inches	Low	Fine
Centipede	7-14 days	1.5-2.5 inches	Low	Coarse
Tall Fescue	5-7 days	2.5-3 inches	Medium	Coarse
Zoysia japonica*	7-10 days	1-1.5 inches	Medium - Low	Medium
Zoysia matrella*	5-7 days	.5-1 inch	Medium	Fine

* There are two species of Zoysia Grass available to home owners. Zoysia Japonica is a medium leaf grass, well adapted for home lawns. Zoysia matrella is a fine leaf grass that produces a very dense, beautiful turf but may require more maintenance.