



Grass Seed

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What type of grass seed should I purchase?

- Buy your grass seed based on quality, not price - it will be a great investment for your home. Once your seed is established, your lawn will be around for a long time.
- Focusing on the advantages homeowners gain by planting certified seed is important. Certified seed is tested, inspected and graded by accredited experts to ensure excellent germination, pest and drought tolerance, and much more. By using certified seed you can be certain you are receiving the best quality product. It all starts with certified seed. Why settle for less?

When is the best time to plant my grass seed?

- Plant your grass seed in the spring (May to mid June) or fall (September to early October).
- Planting in the fall gives you an advantage for the seedlings have two seasons (winter and spring) before the grass goes through the hot summer.

How do I get rid of weeds in my lawn?

- Overseeding is the best way to fight weeds in your lawn. If your lawn is healthy, weeds will be crowded out and will have a harder time taking root. Overseeding is spreading grass seed over your existing lawn to make your current lawn thicker. If there is not a lot of top soil on your existing lawn, be sure to rake in good quality soil with the seed to ensure germination.

How often do I have to water my newly planted lawn?

- Watering your new seedlings is crucial until they are established.
- Water restrictions in your area? A little water is better than none.

- TIP**
- **Best time to water your lawn is early in the morning.**
 - **Never allow the soil where the seed is planted to dry out.**
 - **Avoid puddles of water when watering.**

How long does it take grass seed to germinate?

- Depending on the mixture, you should expect initial growth to begin in 10-14 days providing moisture is available to the seedlings and the soil is warm enough.
- Seed germinates best when soil temperatures are above 17° C (62° F).

- TIP** Do not let the seeded area dry out, but avoid puddles. Both of these will prevent the seed from germinating.

How do I get a nice looking lawn?

- Overseed, overseed and more overseed!
- Overseeding your lawn every year will help thicken and improve the appearance of your lawn. If your lawn is thin and patchy, overseeding is the best way to fill in these bare spots.

How do I plant my grass seed?

- You can spread grass seed by hand or a spreader. If planting by hand, ensure to spread the seed evenly.
- A frequent mistake made with planting grass seed is planting it on thin topsoil. Lightly rake the soil surface to ensure good seed to soil contact after applying the seed. Avoid burying the seed too deeply.
- If seed is planted too deep, it may fail to emerge. A planting depth of 2mm (1/16 inches) is ideal.

- TIP** Seed cannot germinate without seed to soil contact.

How do I get rid of insects from my lawn naturally?

- One of the best ways to keep insects away from your lawn is by keeping your lawn thick and healthy by overseeding.
- Buying endophyte-enhanced mixtures will greatly reduce the risk of insect infestation.
- Endophytes are a natural and beneficial component to a lawn seed mixture.
- An endophyte is a natural fungus that grows inside a grass plant.



Look for our endophyte symbol.