

Choosing Your Seed:

There are several factors to consider when choosing turf seed. We have numerous varieties suit many different needs. Some factors to consider include:

- Sunlight – is it full sun, partial sun or shady?
- Soil Type – is it high clay, sandy or timber soil?
- Slope – is it highly erodible? Or is it a wet area?
- Salt Tolerance – is it near a parking lot or a ditch?
- Mowing – frequently, or just a few times per year?
- Traffic – will there be a lot of foot or wheel traffic?

We are located in Macomb, IL, but have an extensive dealer network throughout the state.

Call our office (309)837-1820 to find your nearest dealer.

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Turf Seed



We offer a wide range of turf seed and the option to custom blend for your needs.

We also carry fertilizer, chemicals, and landscape products!

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Our Products

All of our turf seed comes from the Willamette Valley in Oregon. We work with high quality suppliers to choose products that are bred and selected to provide durability, performance and appearance.

Our custom designed mixes provide proven performance and are great for homeowners, and professionals alike. Popular choices include:

- Sun Mix (bluegrasses & ryegrass)
- Shade Mix (fescues, bluegrasses, ryegrasses)
- 80/10/10 (bluegrass, ryegrass, fescue)
- Tough Turf (fescue blend)

We carry individual species and offer custom mixes.



Determining Amount

It is important to know the size of the area you are seeding. The amount of seed is determined by seed species and will differ between turf-type lawns, and lot cover. The amount of slope, and soil type may also have an impact on turf type and rate.

For inter-seeding, rate is generally reduced to 30-50% of the full rate of new establishments.

Seed rates are calculated by 1000 square feet.

Seed Establishment

For best results when seeding turf, follow the guidelines below:

Planting Dates : Apr - May 15 or Aug 20 - Sep 15

It is important to have at least 30 growing days between germination and frost.

Planting Depth — 1/8-1/4" No Deeper!

Water—at least once daily for new stands

Mow at 3-5" height the first time, never cut more than 1/3 of the leaf.



A common cause of grass establishment failure is due to seed bed preparation and seeding depth. It is crucial to have a good seed bed before planting.

The ground should be firm, even, and level. Avoid making the soil powdery, as it will develop a crust. Once tilled, rake or roll the soil so that it is even and does not have clods. We recommend using a roller before you seed, seeding, and then rolling again!

Using a broadcast or drop seeder (seed 1/2 one direction, and other half at a 90 degree angle) to seed lawn at recommended rate. It is beneficial to roll the soil after seed is applied. The ideal depth is 1/8". **Do not seed deeper than 1/4".**

If you are planting on a slope, you may want to consider using a cover or mat, such as straw to prevent erosion. It is important to not get this layer too thick, as it can block sun light.

Lawn Seed

We offer many pre-blended options to work in different situations. Our mixes include:

MWGF Sun Mix – this bluegrass & ryegrass blend provides a beautiful and lush lawn. It is suited for most to full sun in well drained soils. *Seed at 2-3# / 1000 ft²*

MWGF Shade Mix – this bluegrass, ryegrass, and fine-leaved fescue blend works in areas of partial sun to moderate shade. *Seed at 3-5# / 1000 ft²*

MWGF 80/10/10– this bluegrass, fescue & ryegrass blend is our most popular mixture because of it's lush appearance, high traffic tolerance, and durability. This mix is suited for full sun to light shade, on most soil types. *Seed at 4-6# / 1000 ft²*

MWGF Tough Turf– this dwarf fescue blend is our hardest option. It is well suited for high-clay soils, limited water environments, and high traffic situations. It can be used in areas of full sun to light shade. *Seed at 4-6# / 1000 ft²*

Special Use Seed

Athletic Fields – we have custom blends that are designed to stand up to the immense pressure and wear and tear from soccer, football, softball, and more. Our blends are maximized to improve regrowth and fill in gaps quickly. We have several ryegrass options, improved bluegrass options, as well as a rhizomatous tall fescue option to fit different budgets and needs

Golf Courses– we have access to most species commonly used including Premium Bentgrass (Penncross or Bengal), low growing Bluegrass, premium ryegrass, and premium fescue for fairways and roughs. We also have fungicide, herbicide, greens grades fertilizers, and growth regulators.

State Approved Mixes

We carry many government approved mixes for state projects. We typically carry the following on hand:

- Class 1 Lawn
- Class 1 A
- Class 2
- Class 2 A Salt Tolerant
- Class 3 A & up can be ordered



Sod Seed

Sod Seed – we can custom order sod quality varieties or blends. Common sod varieties that we can access include: *Kentucky Bluegrass – Milagro, Midnight, Prosperity & Skye*



In order to procure seed of a high enough quality for sod, we often require a couple months lead time to get orders placed. Please let us know as early as possible what your needs are.

Turf Management

New seedings should be watered at least once, and possibly multiple times per day, depending on the weather. For best results, water in late afternoon and evening. Soil should be kept moist, but not wet. Once grass reaches 3-5" in height, waterings can be reduced to every other day.

The first mowing should occur when the seedlings are 3-5" tall. The mower should not remove more than 1/3 of the leaf blade. The grass stand will thicken up after the first few mowings.

It is important to limit traffic on new turf stands, as they do not yet have a well developed root system, and are very susceptible to stress. After 4 mowings, most stands will be hardy enough to handle regular traffic and use.

Fertility Management

It is important to properly fertilize and maintain your yard to achieve the appearance that you want. A soil test will provide information to determine what (if any) fertilizer is needed. We carry soil test sample kits in the office, and can help you get a sample submitted to an accredited lab for analysis & recommendations.

We also carry a wide range of fertility products including:

- Pelletized Lime
- 13-13-13 All Purpose
- 12-22-10 Starter
- Weed & Feed
- Grub Control Fertilizer
- Gypsum

Other turf products that we offer include straw blankets, and select turf chemicals*.

*Some chemicals require a pesticide applicator license