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Grass Seed Guide

Skill Level: 

Grass Seed Supply List:	
Soil Test*	Sprinkler*
Gloves*	Fertilizer*
Tiller or cultivator	Lime*
Metal Rake*	Straw*
Grading Rake*	IF NEEDED:
Wheel Barrow*	Insect & fungus control*
Shovel*	Weed Killer*
Grass Seed*	Soil*

*Carried at one or both locations—call for availability.

Stop by or call one of our locations for more GRASS SEED details!

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WATERING:
After you have applied your grass seed and straw, water the area lightly and frequently. Be sure to move your sprinkler often so all seeded areas get water. Once your grass begins to grow, water less frequently, but longer, until it is established (~6-12 weeks).

MOWING & FERTILIZING:

1. Avoid heavy foot traffic and delay the first mowing until after your grass is established. Thereafter, mow as needed, removing *no more than 1/3 of the grass height*.
2. Apply a fertilizer (e.g. Milorganite) 4-6 weeks after sod installation.

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*• in bloom
• all seasons
• all reasons*

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Use grass seed to repair damaged areas of your lawn or to expand your existing lawn space. With a few preparatory steps, installing grass seed can be an easy and inexpensive project for a do-it-yourselfer.

See below for details and the enclosed list for supplies you'll need.

SOIL TEST:

Do a soil test 3 weeks prior to starting your project. The results will give you soil acidity and important nutrient information.

UConn Soil Test brochures (available at Hollandia) have detailed instructions on how to extract a soil sample.

CONSIDERATIONS:

When to Apply:

The best time to apply grass seed is in late summer when there is less competition from weeds and the danger of drought has passed. Existing weeds should be removed prior to seeding. Ask a Hollandia representative for details.

Type of Seed to Apply:

Determine the amount of sun that gets to the area you are seeding and purchase the appropriate mix for your situation. Generally, a Bluegrass/Fescue mix is recommended for most lawns.

How Much Seed To Buy:

Grass seed is sold by its coverage in square feet. Measure your square footage by calculating the length times the width of the area you need to seed. An approximation is fine.



INSTALLING GRASS SEED: (large & small areas)

Soil Preparation:

1. Cultivate area 4"-6" deep. This is required for proper germination and for sustaining growth and moisture levels.
2. Smooth soil with rake and remove rocks and roots. Slope soil away from house and patios. Keep grade 1" below sidewalks and driveway.
3. Add soil if needed.
4. Add lime and fertilizer as determined by your soil test results.

Apply Seed:

1. Spread seed by hand (for spot seeding) or with a rotary spreader at a rate of at least 3 lbs per square foot. Refer to package for details.
2. Lightly rake seed into soil to a depth of 1/4".
3. Apply a thin layer of weed-free straw to help hold the seed and soil in place (especially on slopes).

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