



MARYLAND RECOMMENDED TURFGRASS CULTIVARS

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Tall Fescue

The following proven and promising turf-type tall fescue cultivars may be seeded individually or in blends, and may be mixed with Kentucky bluegrass

Promising Turf-Type Tall Fescue Cultivars:

Battle Hawk, Bentley, Bladerunner 3, Bonfire, Bravo 2, Capitan, Clash, Endgame, Essential 2, Estrena, Extravaganza, Fairfield, Falcon Supreme, Finelawn Supreme, Galactic, Gallardo, GLX ACED, GLX Revive, GRO-PRO, Hellcat GLR, Houndog Nine, Kizzle, Lafayette, Matisse, **Motif**, Naturally Green, O Keefe, Oriole, Padre 2, Providence, Raceway, Rover, Rowdier, SR 8700 Talladega II, Tank, Teacher, Titan GLX, Titan Max, Tough, Triad, Valsetz, Xanadu, and Zion

Proven Turf-Type Tall Fescue Cultivars:

Annapolis, Avenger II & III, Birmingham, Black Tail, Bloodhound, Bullseye, Bullseye LTZ, Catalyst, Crossfire 4, Daybreak, Degas, Dragstar, Dynamite G-LS, **Fantasia**, Fastlane, Fayette, Firebird 2, Firecracker G-LS, Firecracker SLS, Firehawk SLT, Firewall, **Firenza II**, 4th Millennium SRP, Gazelle II, Gold Medallion, Grande 3, GTO, Guardian 4I, Hemi, Houndog 8, Inferno, Integrity, Justice, Lifeguard, Maestro, Michelangelo, Monument, **Moondance GLX**, Mustang 4, Paramount, Penn RK4, Pro Gold, Raptor LS, Raptor III, Rebel IV IV and V, Rebel XLR, Rebounder, Reflection, Regenerate, Rendition RX, Rockwell, Rowdy, Saltillo, Screamer LS, **Serenade**, Spyder LS, SPyder 2 LS, SR 8650, Standout, Sunset Gold, Supersonic, **Symphony**, Talledega II, Technique, Temple, Thor, Titanium G-LS, Titanium 2LS, Trinity, Turbo, Turbo RZ, Valkyrie LS, Witchita, and Xtreme Green.

Kentucky Bluegrass

A maximum of 10% Kentucky bluegrass, by weight, may be included with tall fescue, although 5% Kentucky bluegrass is generally recommended. For Kentucky Bluegrass Sod, a blend containing a minimum of 3 listed cultivars must be chosen. Each cultivar must range from a minimum of 10% to a maximum of 35% of the blend's weight.

Promising Kentucky Bluegrass Cultivars:

Acoustic, Amaze, Barserati, Barvette, **Blue Devil**, Blue Gem, Blue Magic, Bombay, Cloud, Dauntless, Electric, Finish Line, Jersey, New Moon, Nurush, Orion, Syrah, and Twilight.

Proven Kentucky Bluegrass Cultivars:

After Midnight, Aries, **Babe**, Bluebank, **Blue Coat**, Blue Note, Bolt, **Endurance**, Full Back, Hampton, Legend, **Midnight**, Noble, Pivot, **Selway**, Shannon, Skye, SPF30, Starr, **Tirem**, United, and Yellowstone.

Fine Fescues

The fine fescues include creeping red fescue, chewings fescue, hard fescue, hard-blue fescue, and sheep fescue. The hard fescues are particularly good for low maintenance sites in Maryland. Creeping red fescues should be considered only for shady sites and not for sunny, low maintenance sites. The fine fescues do not have good wear tolerance and should not be mowed when weather conditions are hot and/or dry.

Promising Fine Fescue Cultivars:

Beacon II Hard Fescue, Brittany 2 Chewings Fescue, Radar II Chewings Fescue, Sword II Hard Fescue, and Tenacious Hard Fescue.

Proven Fine Fescue Cultivars:

Beacon Hard Fescue, Compass II Chewings Fescue, **Gladiator Hard Fescue**, Jetty Hard Fescue, Minimus Hard Fescue, Radar Chewings Fescue, Resolute Hard Fescue, and **Sword Hard Fescue**.

Perennial Ryegrass

No more than 15% perennial ryegrass should be used in a mixture with Kentucky bluegrass, as the perennial ryegrass will predominate if seeded at a higher rate. Although perennial ryegrass is generally not recommended for mixing with Kentucky bluegrass due to the susceptibility of perennial ryegrass to numerous disease problems, its inclusion may be warranted with Kentucky bluegrass where erosion may be a significant problem during establishment. Perennial ryegrass germinates and becomes established much more quickly than Kentucky bluegrass.

Promising Perennial Ryegrass Cultivars:

Black Pearl, Grey Fox, Infusion, Shield, Sideways, Signet, Silver Sport, SR 4660 ST, SR 4650, and Wicked.

Proven Perennial Ryegrass Cultivars:

Apple SGL, Apple 3GL, Benchmark, Big League, Fastball 3GL, Grand slam GLD, Homerun, Karma, SLugger 3GL, Soprano, Stellar 3GL and 4GL, and Superstar GL.

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