



## Maintenance Guidelines



*Close up of Desert Oasis turf quality*

### CHARACTERISTICS:

- Great for full sun to moderate shade areas and has good wear tolerance making it a perfect choice for sports fields and community green areas
- Excellent drought tolerance and good cold tolerance with greater salt tolerance than bermudagrass. Germinates with water quality up to 2,500ppm TDS and shows good disease tolerances under saline conditions.

### EASY ESTABLISHMENT:

- Seed at 1.5 lbs/1,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (7.3g/m<sup>2</sup>)
- Best planted spring through mid-summer: fall plantings not recommended except in temperate climates where planting is successful year round
- Seedbed should be kept continually moist during germination and early establishment
- Germinates in 10-21 days under optimal conditions (65-80°F/19-27°C)
- Do not plant if soil temperatures are below 60°F (16°C)
- Full coverage in approximately 8-10 weeks

### EASY TO MAINTAIN:

- After establishment, Desert Oasis does best with deep, infrequent irrigations
- First mowing recommended when turf reaches 1" (2.5 cm) in height; after establishment, recommended mowing height 0.5-1.5" (1.3-4.0 cm) with reel mower; to reduce incidence of scalping during the summer season, gradually increase mowing height during peak growing conditions
- For best performance, fertilize at an annual rate of 2-3 lbs N/1,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (10-15g/m<sup>2</sup>); early fall and spring fertilizations are best; summer fertility with high N is NOT recommended, except in climates where planting can happen year round; avoid applications of more than 0.5 lbs of fast-release, water soluble N/1,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (2.5g/m<sup>2</sup>); high salt index fertilizers work very well with Desert Oasis
- Paspalum is sensitive to some herbicides; check label before making any herbicide applications
- For best turf quality and improved winter color in mild climates; annual, light renovation, aeration and top-dressing strongly recommended mid-summer to allow time for full recovery prior to the onset of cooler temperatures
- For season-long winter color in transitional areas; overseed after renovation/aeration program with salt tolerant Jacklin varieties such as Caddieshack II, Equate, LaQuinta perennial ryegrasses at 10-15 lbs/1,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (50-75g/m<sup>2</sup>) for conventional turf purposes

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