



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 ft² (7.3g/m²)
- 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 ft² (10-15g/m²); 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 ft² (2.5g/m²); 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 ft² (50-75g/m²) for conventional turf purposes

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