

SEED COVERAGE CHART

VARIETY	TYPE	COVERAGE	
		500 SQ. FT.	1000 SQ. FT.
Alsike Clover	Cover Crop/Legume	1/4 LB	1/2 LB
Austrian Winter Pea	Cover Crop/Legume	1 LB	1 1/2 LB
Blue Grama Grass	Warm Season	2 LB	4 LB
Buffalo Grass	Warm Season	1/4 LB	1/2 LB
Canada Wild Rye Grass	Cool Season	1/4 LB	1/2 LB
Chewings Fescue	Cool Season	1/2 LB	1 LB
Common Vetch	Cover Crop/Legume	1/2 LB	1 LB
Creeping Red Fescue	Cool Season	2 LB	4 LB
Crimson Clover	Cover Crop/Legume	1/2 LB	1 LB
Crown Vetch	Cover Crop/Legume	1/2 LB	1 LB
Dutch White Clover	Cover Crop/Legume	1/4 LB	1/2 LB
Hairy Vetch	Cover Crop/Legume	1/2 LB	1 1/4 LB
Hard Fescue Grass	Cool Season	1/4 LB	1/2 LB
Little Bluestem Grass	Warm Season	1/4 LB	1/2 LB
Low Work & Water	Grass Mixture	5 LB	10 LB
Medium Red Clover	Cover Crop/Legume	1/4 LB	1/2 LB
No Mow Lawn Grass	Grass Mixture	1/4 LB	5 LB
Northeast Native Grass	Grass Mixture	1/4 LB	1/2 LB
Partridge Pea	Cover Crop/Legume	1/4 LB	1/2 LB
Perennial Rye Grass	Cover Crop/Legume	1/4 LB	1/2 LB
Sheep Fescue	Cool Season	1/4 LB	1/2 LB
Short Grass Seed Mixture	Grass Mixture	1/2 LB	1/2 LB
Smooth Bromegrass	Cool Season	1/2 LB	1 LB
Southeast Native Grass	Grass Mixture	1/4 LB	1/2 LB
Switchgrass Shelter	Warm Season	1/4 LB	1/2 LB
Tall Grass Seed Mix	Grass Mixture	1/4 LB	1/2 LB
Timothy Grass	Cool Season	1/4 LB	1/2 LB
Vernal Alfalfa	Cover Crop/Legume	1/4 LB	1/2 LB
White Ladino Clover	Cover Crop/Legume	1/4 LB	1/2 LB
Winter Rye Grass	Cover Crop/Legume	2 LB	4 LB
Yellow Blossom Clover	Cover Crop/Legume	1/4 LB	1/2 LB



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Getting Started

When To Plant

Planting Grass Seed in Fall or Spring:

The ideal time to plant grass seed varies by hardiness zone, but is usually in the spring, once temperatures have reached a consistent 60 F and there is no more danger of frost. Grass can be planted through the end of July but no later. If you're planting in the fall, wait until after there have been a few killing frosts so the seeds you plant will lie dormant until the spring.

Planting as a Cover Crop or Green Manure:

If you're planting grasses, legumes or clover to replenish nutrients, suppress weeds or more, we recommend planting in early to mid fall. Let the grass grow until frost. Come spring, mow the grass before it goes to seed and then till the soil. Wait 3-6 weeks before planting new crops.

What Plants are Best for Cover Crops?

Clover, Peas, Vetch and Rye Grass.

Planting Rates: How Much Seed Do I Need?

Planting rates, depending on the size of the seed. A larger seed (such as a Fescue) can be seeded at 10lbs/1,000 square feet. A smaller seed (such as a Bluegrass) can be seeded as low as 2lbs/1,000 square feet. To see planting rates for each individual variety, please view the chart on the back page of this guide.

If you're still unsure of how much seed to use in your area, please give us a call at 877.309.7333

Preparing the Area for Planting

We recommend leveling the planting area as much as possible to eliminate high or low spots. Till the soil if possible about 4-6 inches deep, as the soil should be loose and clump free before planting. If your area is already somewhat bare and even, we recommend skipping the tilling process as it can promote new weed growth or unwanted grass growth. You can then add a product to help aerate your soil (such as LazyMan Liquid Gold™) to improve seed germination, but this is not necessary.

We guarantee all of our products and try to give you the best information possible for you to have success. If you're unsure of when to plant or have further questions, don't hesitate to call our team at 877.309.7333



Grasses can be used to add green & texture to meadows every year or as short-term cover crops & nutrient boosters.



Cool Season Grasses can be planted earlier in the season than warm season grasses. Not sure which you have? Flip the page over and view our chart on the back



Step-by-Step Planting Instructions

1. After your soil is prepared, apply the seed at the recommended seeded rate. See the back of this guide for seeding rates. To make sure you're spreading the seed evenly, scatter 1/2 of the seed walking North to South and 1/2 of the seed walking East to West.

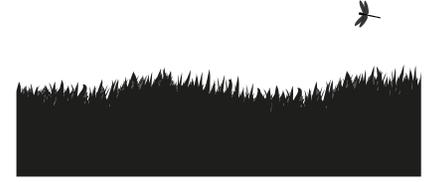
2. If you have poor soil, you could lightly apply an organic fertilizer after seeding, although this is not a necessary step for strong growth.

3. Many choose to cover their grass seed after planting, even though this is not necessary. If you do choose to cover your seed to help retain moisture and hold the seed in place, we recommend a maximum thickness of 1/4". You can cover the seed with topsoil, sterilized straw, or peat moss. Coated seeds such as Bermuda and Clover Seeds should not be covered more than an 1/8" deep.

4. Water gently and regularly, keeping the seeds moist until they begin to sprout. This could mean watering more than once a day if you're having a dry spell. Once the seeds sprout, water less frequently. This helps to ensure a deep rooted, healthy lawn or meadow.

5. Do not mow until your lawn is at the recommended height. This information can be found on our website at the specific product page. For most grasses, this is about 3-6 weeks after planting, but could be longer depending on growing conditions. Remember to be gentle when mowing the first few times -- the seedlings will be somewhat tender.

6. After mowing several times, you can apply an organic fertilizer to promote strong growth, but this is not a necessary step.



If covering your grass seed, do so very lightly with organic matter.



It may take weeks or even a month for the seeds to grow. Be patient. If you have any questions about germination time or planting, please don't hesitate to call us at 877.309.7333