



Buffalograss Seed Rebate Program

Additional Information:

Recommended Buffalograss Seed Varieties

Currently, the following buffalograss seed varieties are recommended for our area:

Tantaka, Sharps Improved, Cody, Bison, Plains, Top Gun, Texoka

Why must seeding occur during the appropriate time of year?

Buffalograss is a warm-season turfgrass; it grows most actively when it is warm and will therefore be much easier to establish in warmer soils that occur during the summer months. Ideally, buffalograss seed should be planted during the months of June and July in our area. Planting later than August 1st may put the buffalograss at risk of not becoming fully established prior to cold temperatures setting in. Buffalograss that has not had a chance to develop an established root system prior to freezing temperatures is at risk of winter desiccation/death due to the potential for young plants to be heaved out of the soil due to alternate freezing/thawing that occurs throughout the wintertime. For this rebate program, seed must be planted, between June 1st and August 1st.

Why will only 1-3 lbs. seed/1,000 square feet be rebated?

Buffalograss lawns do not need to be seeded at high seeding rates to become established (as opposed to cool-season turfgrasses such as Tall Fescue with a recommended seeding rate of 6-8 lbs./1,000 sq. ft.). Buffalograss spreads by stolons (runners) which aids in lawn coverage whereas Tall Fescue is a bunch grass that does not spread. K-State Research and Extension recommends seeding buffalograss at a rate of 1-2 lbs./1,000 sq. ft. Property owners wishing to seed at a higher rate will only receive a maximum of 3 lbs. seed/1,000 sq. ft. rebate.

How to plant, establish, and maintain Buffalograss

Planting a new lawn requires planning and preparation. Maintaining buffalograss is very different from maintaining cool-season turfgrass. Consult the following publications for information regarding planting, watering, and maintaining buffalograss lawns:

[Buffalograss Lawns](#) (K-State Research and Extension MF656)

[Planting A Home Lawn](#) (K-State Research and Extension MF1126)

[Watering New Lawns](#) (K-State Research and Extension MF2802)

Weeds!

Don't panic if you experience weeds after planting your new buffalograss lawn. Weeds are common during the first two to three years. Once the buffalograss has become fully established; and with proper mowing and maintenance, weed presence will lessen and, those that do appear, can be managed.