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SHADE GRASSES

FESCUE • BERMUDA • ZOYSIA

1. ORDER OF SHADE TOLERANCE

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| A. Fescue | 75% Shade |
| B. Bermuda | 25% Shade |
| C. Zoysia | 55% Shade |

2. PREPARATION OF SOIL

- A. Till at least 3 inches deep
- B. Soil Ph to 6.5 to 7.0 reading

3. MOWING HEIGHT SHOULD BE 2 INCHES

4. FERTILIZER (USE AS DIRECTED)

- A. March & May 13-13-13- Blend 6-7 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft.
- B. Late September & October 13-13-13- Blend 6-7 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft.

SPECIAL NOTE:

DO NOT USE STRAIGHT UREA OR NITROGEN

DO NOT FERTILIZE IN JULY OR AUGUST

DO NOT FLOOD WATER

Water lightly and more frequently

Keep base moist and penetrate deep

Roots can go to 12 inches or more

5. USE OF LIME

In most cases, yards that are exposed to full sun do not require the use of lime. This is not always so, but most of the time areas that are shaded develop an acid condition that requires lime to bring the Ph factor to approx. 6.2 to 6.6. This gives the grass (usually fescue or bluegrass) the correct Ph factor for its best growth.

SPECIAL NOTE AND GUIDE:

If the area needing a shade grass has been shaded several years, it can develop an acid condition. In which case, it will need to be moved upward to the 6.2 & 6.6 Ph range in order to produce the growth you need to make a good turf. A test with any testing lab (usually this is the county agent) can insure if you are correct. However, as a guideline, if the soil has been shaded for quite a few years, it is fairly safe to use a 50 lb. bag of lime to 2000 sq. ft. of area. This allows better utilization of the nutrients in the soil. Continue to sample the soil yearly for best results.