

Product Specification Sheet: 100% Fescue (landscape)

Uses

100% Fescue Turf is used in landscaping either as an ornamental show lawn, or for larger informal areas where low maintenance is a priority.

Characteristics

100% Fescue turf contains different types of fescues, each of which complement the mixture in some way. For example, chewings fescue tends to be more disease resistant than slender creeping red fescue, and tends to green up faster in the spring. On the other hand, slender creeping red fescue is more drought tolerant and maintains colour and growth better in the autumn and early winter.

Hard fescue and sheeps fescue thrive in very dry and infertile conditions, and as such are well suited to low maintenance landscapes. Most fescues are intolerant of heavy wear, and so they should only be considered for ornamental and low maintenance areas. Left unmown the mass of flower heads produces swaths of purple during June and July. This attractive feature of fescues is used to great effect as a background to more formal large-scale landscaping.

The typical seed mixture used in 100% Fescue turf is:

25% slender creeping red fescue - *Festuca rubra litoralis*

25% chewings fescue- *Festuca rubra commutata*

25% hard fescue – *Festuca longifolia*

25% sheeps fescue - *Festuca ovina*

Mowing

For ornamental lawns the ideal height of cut is 15-18mm. This will produce a dense, high quality sward. A well adjusted cylinder mower is required. For low maintenance areas the height of cut is a matter of design preference, but if required the grass could be left unmown until later in the summer when “topping” the sward will tidy it up.

Nutrition

For low maintenance areas no fertiliser is required.

For ornamental lawns 100% Fescue requires a maximum of 150kg Nitrogen per ha per year. This can be provided by two applications of fertiliser – one in the spring and one in the autumn. A typical programme would be:

April 40gms/m² Scotts All-Round 23:5:10

September 40gms/m² Scotts Pre-Winter 14:5:21

These fertilisers use controlled release technology which provides an even food source for the plants over 4-5 months.

Roll Sizes and Laying Service

100% Fescue turf is available in four sizes:

Standard 1m² roll measuring 610mm (24”) by 1.64m (65”)

Big roll 600mm (24”) wide

Big roll 740mm (29”) wide

Big roll 1.2m (48”) wide

Free loan of big roll laying equipment is available. Alternatively, we offer a laying service with highly experienced crews.

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