Cowboy Turf™

Environmental concerns are becoming increasingly important in the choice of grass species for many turf areas. Cowboy Turf™ has many characteristics that set it apart. Cowboy Turf™ is an excellent choice for low maintenance sites, even as part of showcase turf areas, due to its reduced water requirement, low nitrogen requirement and reduced growth rate. This blend typically persists in soils that are droughty, and infertile, if the soils are properly drained. Cowboy Turf™ also performs well in the shade and with tree root competition, so it can be utilized in areas where many other turfgrasses will not persist.

The species included in this blend are all leafy and low-growing with fine leaves. They all have unique strengths, weaknesses and preferred uses. Areas such as golf course roughs, slopes and bunker edges, parks, home lawns, commercial sites, sod roofs, roadsides and reclamation areas can all benefit from the use of these improved blends for high quality, low maintenance turf.

Used for low maintenance landscaping and stabilization of disturbed soils. Cowboy Turf™ is a tough, blue-green perennial that spreads by rhizomes. It is the right grass for water-stressed homes, golf course roughs, commercial sites and other low maintenance areas.

Cowboy Turf™ made its reputation at tough reclamation sites where water and nutrients were low. Its characteristics make it an excellent choice when planted alone, or in seed mixtures for roughs, playgrounds and schools where a dense, hardy turf is required.

Cowboy Turf™ germinates faster, is lower growing and has a dark green appearance in spring, progressing to a bright blue-green color.

- **Uses 25% less water than Kentucky bluegrass**
- **Low growing/slow growing**
- **Shade tolerant**
- **Less fertilization**
- **Very low maintenance**

![Cowboy Turf Performance Chart](image)
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Use and Management:  Turf grass type varieties are widely used for turf, golf greens, revegetation and soil conservation purposes. Suitable on irrigated sites or sites having over 14” ppt. Growth starts in March or April, matures in mid to late summer, varying regionally and altitudinally, then becomes semi-dormant until fall moisture. Makes fair fall regrowth.

Origin and Description:  Native and Indigenous, long-lived, cool-season species indigenous to the Rocky Mountain Region. Low-growing rhizomatous perennial grass, has distinctly flat stems, short blue green to dark green leaves, head is a short condensed panicles. Adapted to rather poor, dry soils.

Growth Habits and Environmental Preferences:  Adapted to open, exposed, high altitude sites in Rocky Mountain and northern Intermountain area with over 14” ppt. Thrives on fertile, silty and clayey soils. Tolerant of shallow, gravelly, and dry, weekly saline and acid soils. Cold and drought-tolerant. Grows in well-drained meadows, sub-humid grasslands, and semi-desert sagebrush sites. Not tolerant of flooding, high water tables, or inundation for any extended period.

Irrigation:  The minimum amount of water that will keep Cowboy Turf™ alive depends on several factors: soil type, water table, and fertility. The turf will go dormant but will recover. In warmer areas and on south slopes, more water may be necessary during droughts to insure survival. In these areas, infrequent deep watering is best when mature.

Sun/shade:  Prefers partial shade to full sun.

Traffic:  Good tolerance to traffic.

Good Points:  Establishes quickly, is resistant to most diseases, has good resistance to drought, is shade-tolerant and does well at higher altitudes.

Grass doesn’t waste water.  people do!