

COMPARING REQUIREMENTS OF TURF SPECIES

Species	Seeding rate per 1000 sq. ft.	Growth habit	Establishment rate
Kentucky bluegrass	2-3 lbs.	rhizomes	slow
Perennial ryegrass	5 lbs.	bunch	very fast
Hard fescue	4-5 lbs.	bunch	slow/medium
Chewings fescue	4 lbs.	bunch	medium
Creeping fescue	4 lbs.	rhizomes	medium
Tall fescue	6-9 lbs.	bunch	medium
Creeping bentgrass	1/2-1 lbs.	stolons	medium

Species	Fertility requirement	Mowing frequency	Thatch formation
Kentucky bluegrass	medium	low/medium	medium/high
Perennial ryegrass	medium/high	high	none
Hard fescue	low	low	medium
Chewings fescue	low/medium	low/medium	medium/high
Creeping fescue	low/medium	low/medium	low/medium
Tall fescue	medium	medium	low/none
Creeping bentgrass	low/medium	low/medium	high

Source: Seed Research of Oregon