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Cultural practices

Tall fescues require less nitrogen fertilizer than the improved Kentucky bluegrasses and perennial ryegrasses. Sod growers in southern California have found that sod fields of tall fescue are managed best by cutting the fertilizer rates used for Kentucky bluegrass sod by one half. An annual fertility program of 2-4 lbs of actual nitrogen per 1000 sq. ft. is suggested. The optimum cutting height for tall fescues varies from one-and-one half to three inches depending on the amount of heat stress a turf will face. Cutting heights of one inch or lower can result in severe competition from annual bluegrass, especially under high irrigation and fertility conditions.

Tall fescues have shown good tolerance of the commonly used selective broadleaf and pre-emergence crabgrass herbicides.

The tall fescues are not thatch formers like the bluegrasses and fine fescues and usually don't require dethatching.

Under western Oregon summer drought conditions the tall fescues will stay green and grow 3-4 weeks longer than Kentucky bluegrass and 2 weeks longer than perennial ryegrass.

Tall fescue varieties should be used in blends with other varieties of tall fescue or in mixtures with five percent Kentucky bluegrass. The variety of bluegrass used should have only a moderate level of aggressiveness to prevent crowding out of the tall fescue. This is especially important when the turf is mowed at one-and-one-half inches or loss. Mixtures of tall fescue with perennial ryegrasses and fine fescues have resulted in crowding out of alot of the tall fescue by these species in western Oregon turf trials.

There are many breeding programs in progress at this time to make further improvements in the levels of disease resistance and turf quality of tall fescue. **WT&T**

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At the rugged Shoal Creek course, host of the 1984 PGA Championship August 16-19, 1984, the touring professionals will again be putting on Penncross creeping bentgrass. Penncross and Penneagle, the Penn Pals, are no strangers to the pros. Most of the recent major championships have been played on one or the other. The Western open at Butler was played on Penneagle fairways and greens. The 1983 US Open at Oakmont was played on Penneagle tees, fairways and greens. Maybe you saw the sixty-foot putt on Penneagle.

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PROBLEM SOLVERS

By Balakrishna Rao, Ph.D and Thomas Mog, Ph.D

Bayleton is preventative

Problem: I recently heard that Bayleton would prevent Fusarium blight, but could not cure it. Is there more research on this subject? (Michigan)

Solution: Mobay's technical representative indicated that Bayleton will work best as a preventative when applied about 30 days before the incidence of disease and followed up with a second application after 30 days. So far, it has not shown any curative action and no additional research is being planned.

Yellow oxalis is stubborn

Problem: I manage a four-acre property and have tried to get rid of yellow oxalis growing within mesembryanthemum for some time with only spotty success. We have sprayed magnesium sulfate, Roundup and others and have only killed the flowers and stems, but not the bulbs. Can you recommend a herbicide and/or application procedure that may help stop this perennial from reoccurring. We believe our pest is Oxalis pes-caprae (Bermuda buttercup). (California)

Solution: Oxalis sp. is considered to be one of the more difficult to control broadleaf weeds. Reports suggest that application of herbicides, such as Trimec Turf Ester, Weedone DPC or Professional Turf Herbicide 123, can provide satisfactory control of yellow woodsorrel (Oxalis stricta).

Since you are not very sure about the Oxalis species you are dealing with, I would suggest applying and determining the efficacy of the products on Oxalis sp. in a small area before using it in larger areas. The following information should help you to verify the species.

The Bermuda buttercup (Oxalis pes-caprae syn. O. cernua) is a winter-blooming weed. It is the on1y tender, yellow flowered, stemless Oxalis in cultivation that has clusters of flowers; others have solitary flowers. It has scaly bulbs, a deep, thick tap root, and very long-stalked leaves with three obcordate leaflets fringed with hairs. Flowers are about 1-1 1/2 inches wide and bright yellow.

Herbicide application should be made during early spring or late fall when the weeds are actively growing. Repeat application may be necessary for satisfactory results. These herbicides contain ester formulation of 2,4-D which can volatilize and may cause injury on non-target, desireable plants. Therefore, be careful while applying these around ornamental plants. Read and follow label specifications for further details.

From asphalt to turfgrass

Problem: At my place of employment we are planning an expansion of turf and/or landscaping in areas formerly covered by asphalt. Are there any precautions that should be taken, such as soil replacement, to avoid possible contamination of the root zone by oils or residues having leached into the subsoil? If so, how deep should the soil be replaced from these areas for trees (probably oak) and turf? (Indiana)

Solution: In an area which was formerly covered by asphalt, I would suggest that you take the following precautions before establishing any turf or land-scape plants.

First, try to find out whether any total control (nonselective) herbicides were used in the area before the asphalt was laid. If so, depending upon the product and rate of application, the materials may still persist. If the materials are known, have the soil tested for residual concentrations which would affect the growth of plants.

If information concerning herbicide use cannot be determined or as a further precaution, I would suggest that you perform a radish and ryegrass seedling bioassay either directly in the field or in the laboratory using the soil in question. Sample the soil at various locations and depths. Testing soil to a depth of 10 inches is usually sufficient unless herbicide residues are found.

If herbicide residues or oil are found, the removal of 6-10 inches of soil is usually sufficient to replace the affected soil. Add new topsoil and till into the underlying soil.

If necessary, add topsoil in layered increments, tilling between layers. Planting the trees in a mound of soil above grade will provide further protection from traces of herbicide in the soil. If the bioassay tests indicate that the soil is free from contamination, then pursue the soil improvement, planting, etc., based on soil test results and recommendations which can improve the soil.





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Ohio State University Field Day, Sept. 11. OSU Turgrass Field Plots, Columbus, OH. Contact Dept. of Agronomy, OSU, Room 202, 2021 Coffey Rd., Columbus, OH 43210-1086; (614) 422-2002.

Virginia Turfgrass Research Field Days, Sept. 18-20. Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA. Contact J.R. Hall, Agronomy Dept., Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA; (703) 961-5797.

Minnesota Society of Arboriculture, Sept. 24-25. Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. For information, contact MSA, 403 East Center St., Rochester, MN, 55904.

Tree Evaluation Clinic, Sept. 25-26. West Point, NY, conducted by the American Society of Consulting Arborists. Guest lecturers are Spencer Davis, Jr. and Sharon Ossenbruggen. Contact NY State Arborists Association, (212) 986-1160, (914) 724-5065.

Society of Municipal Arborists 20th Annual Meeting and Trade Show, Sept. 30-Oct. 3. Freehold, NJ. Contact Dave Shaw, 20 Court St., Freehold, NJ 07728 or Robert Miller, Exhibits Chairman, 7447 Old Dayton, Rd., Davton, OH 45427.

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significantly increased growth compared to no fertilizer in the clay loam (unamended) soil.

The authors concluded that there is no substitute for good soil. The trees in the good clay loam soil produced an average of 69 inches of new growth with a stem diameter of 3/4 inch. In contrast, the trees in the silt loam subsoil averaged 12 inches and less than 1/4 inch. No benefit was derived from the use of soil amendments with either soil. Pine bark as an amendment proved detrimental to growth in both soils unless fertilizer was added to compensate for the nitrogen depletion by micro-organisms.

In 1976, Whitcomb et al. raised the question "What is a \$5 planting hole? How much peat should fill it?"

The authors added 10, 20, 30, 40 or 50 percent by volume of peat, pine bark, vermiculite or colloidal phosphate to the soil removed from the planting hole. *Pittosporum tobira*, Japanese pittosporum, was the test plant.

Peat was not significantly better than the existing (native soil) at any rate. Again, the roots of the plants grown in amended soils were restricted to the original planting holes while plants in unamended soil had roots well beyond the planting hole. This was true whether or not irrigation was applied.

From a practical standpoint plants with confined (restricted) root systems will not withstand stresses (drought, nutrition) as well as plants with extensive root systems which "mine" greater volumes of soil.

Corley (1984) in Georgia reports on tests that have been conducted since

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1975 on the effects of backfill amendments. Azalea, rhododendron and dogwood, three plants that require considerable cultural care, and juniper and holly were tested.

None of the five plant types responded positively to backfill amended with pine bark during three growing seasons. The growth of azalea and dogwood was reduced by the amendments but the reductions were not significant. For the professional landscape manager the implications of this research should be obvious. It is not necessary to add amendments to the backfill soil and in certain cases may be detrimental to do so. The apparent interface between existing soil and amended backfill soil prevents root growth into the native (existing soil). This results in a bathtub effect.

Dig a wide hole, not a deep hole, in native soil. Place the plants to the depth it was grown in the nursery. It is always better to plant slightly high than too deep. Most of the feeder roots (70-90°) are in the top 6 to 12-inches of the soil.

The results of these studies are too geographically broad-based (Minnesota, Oklahoma, Georgia, Florida) and consistent to be ignored. If followed the resultant plant growth and survival will be enhanced. In addition, labor, time and money should be saved in the planting process.

In 1981, the American Rhododendron Society altered its planting recommendations, omitting the suggestion that organics be added to backfill. Had someone suggested something like this 15 years ago they would have been discharged from horticulture. Times do change. **WT&T**



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