

# GRASS CELL

## Selecting the Right Grass

### Seed Mixtures for Grass Cell

Grass Cell is ideally suited for rhizomatous grasses, which should be selected whenever possible. Several additional considerations must be made, including climate, traffic tolerance, shade tolerance, and resistance to drought.



### Northern Climate

In the Northern Climate (USDA Zone Hardiness Map zone 6 and all areas to the north) Kentucky Bluegrass is preferable, using at least three adapted varieties in a blend. Because it is slow to germinate, sodding will result in a better overall establishment. If Tall Fescue must be used select a rhizomatous variety (such as RTF) and blend it with Kentucky Bluegrass at a rate of 10% (by weight).

### Southern Climate

In the Southern Climate (USDA Zone Hardiness Map Zone 7 and all areas to the south) Bermuda Grass is preferable. As Bermuda Grass does not grow well in shaded areas, a rhizomatous Tall Fescue variety (such as RTF) may be needed. In the most southern parts of the U.S., St. Augustine and Centipede grass are good choices for infrequent use, but do not tolerate traffic well.

Shaded areas are a problem for all grasses in general. Consideration should be given to providing adequate light or to using grass-like ground covers (such as Liriope or mondograss) in heavy shade.

Grass	Northern Zone Zone 6 and North	Southern Zone Zone 7 and South	Traffic Tolerance	Shade Tolerance	Drought Resistance
Kentucky Bluegrass	<b>PREFERRED</b>	No	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Tall Fescue	OK (transition zone only)	OK	Fair	Good	Fair
Bermuda Grass	No	<b>PREFERRED</b>	Excellent	Fair	Excellent
Zoysia	No	OK	Fair	Good	Fair
St. Augustine	No	OK	Poor	Excellent	Fair
Centipede	No	OK	Poor	Fair	Fair
Annual Rye	No	No	NOT RECOMMENDED		
Perennial Rye	No	No	NOT RECOMMENDED		
Liriope (Spicata)	OK	OK	Good	Excellent	Excellent