

An Extremely Low Maintenance “No Mow” Formula

Freedom is a unique mix that can be used as a “No Mow” lawn mix optimal for ponds, hillsides, lake cabins or for large open areas. Freedom Mix can also be used along driveways and terraced yards as a decorative grass (with or without flowers) that resembles a short, native grass mix. As a decorative grass mix (when allowed to go to seed), Freedom combines many shades of green, from light to dark and blue-green; during the early summer months, as well as yellow to gold in August and September. For lawn applications, Freedom creates a uniform cover that generally requires 4 cuttings or less per season, based on the desired look.

Seed Mix

30% Sheeps Fescue
30% Gotham Hard Fescue
20% Chewings Fescue
20% Miser Creeping Red Fescue

Description

Lawn Uses: Freedom is a blend of fine fescue varieties for intended use in low traffic areas where ground cover is desired but turf quality is not important. Fine fescues are naturally slow growing and require very little maintenance. They have a soft, round, hair-like blade. Freedom is ideal for areas where frequent mowing is a problem and a more natural look is desired.

Native or Decorative Uses: Freedom provides a short growing native look when left to seed. When used as a native cover, Freedom will establish more quickly than native grasses and require less maintenance. Wildflowers may be added to this mix if color is desired. Do not add ryegrass or bluegrass to this mix if the intent is to have a no maintenance area. Bluegrass is evasive and will take over the area in time.

Recommended Maintenance

Lawn: Freedom Mix can be maintained as a true low maintenance lawn by mowing short once in May, June, August, and early October. If a “No Mow” look is preferred trim the lawn once (usually mid-June) then cut it short in early October. If lawn look is desired, a mowing height of 3-4” is recommended to maintain density. Generally this lawn will require half the mowing. Fall fertilization is recommended when Freedom Mix is used as a low maintenance lawn.

Native or Decorative: If a native look is desired fertilize only during establishment. Wildflowers may be added to the mix in order to add color and diversity to a landscape design. The hard, sheep, and chewing fescues all produce a “fountain” look as they mature. This creates a great backdrop of color throughout the season as the grasses turn from a blend of greens and blue-greens into the stunning autumn colors of yellow and gold. This mixture is excellent for adding accent to any landscape. Every couple of years this area should be cut or burned to remove the undergrowth.

Seeding Rate

Before planting use Soil Prep Plus to improve root development and faster establishment.

New Seeding for Lawn Look: Spring or Fall: 250-300 lbs. /acre

Seeding for Native Look: 40-50 lbs. /acre alone or 30 lbs. /acre if wildflower are added

