

SHORT NATIVE PRAIRIE MIX

Specialty
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Short Native Prairie Mix is the perfect balance of color and diversity to enhance large open areas, highlight gardens, or to accent landscape. Short Native Prairie grows approximately 2-3 ft. tall. Most native plants take three years to reach maturity and require some maintenance.

Planting Guidelines

Pure Stand - The Short Native Prairie Mix should be seeded at $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. per 1000 square feet for best results.

To add Accent Grasses; Seed the Short Native Mix at about a $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. per 1000 square feet. Then add 2 oz per 200 square feet of accent grasses to highlight selected areas. Recommended accent grasses: Little Bluestem, Sideoats Grama, Big Bluestem, and Sand Dropseed

To add Wild Flowers; seed the Short Native Mix at about a $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. per 1000 square feet and add 2 oz per 200 square feet of wild flowers to highlight selected areas. Recommended wild flowers: Prairie Flower Medley, Bird & Butterfly Mix, and Native Flower Accents

Short Native Prairie Formula

Dry to Mesic Areas
30% Little Bluestem
20% Sideoats Grama
10% Blue Grama
20% Slender Wheatgrass
10% Canada Wildrye
10% Sheeps Fescue

Seedbed Preparation

For the best results incorporate GreenGuard Soil Prep into planting areas which should be tilled and dragged until the surface is firm and free of clods, sticks and other vegetative debris, like a lawn seedbed. A good garden fertilizer like GreenGuard Vegetable & Flower Fertilizer will speed up establishment, and should be applied 30 days after seeding. You should avoid standard garden fertilizers because they contain higher levels of salts and excess nitrogen.

Maintenance

Weed control is generally the biggest problem in the first couple of years. The easiest and cheapest program is mowing. Mowing is used the first year to control annual weeds and to allow sun to reach the native plants. It may require two to three cuttings to control the weeds and reduce the cover. Mowers should be set to cut above 6" to prevent damage to the native plants, but avoid letting the cover get taller than 18".

Year two should include mowing once or twice depending on how much weed pressure you are seeing. Mowers should still be set to cut no shorter than 6" to prevent damage to the native plants; and also avoid letting an unwanted cover, like foxtail, from getting taller than 18". Spot spraying may be used to control thistle and dandelions, but be careful how these products are used because they will also kill most flowers.

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