

# CONTRACTOR'S MIXTURE



## MAINTENANCE GUIDE

### PLANTING GUIDE



- 1 PLANTING AREA PREPARATION**  
**NEW LAWNS:** Remove all debris from planting area and rake or till to loosen the top 2<sup>IN</sup> to 3<sup>IN</sup> of soil. Level Area and grade to drain away from buildings.  
**OVERSEEDING ESTABLISHED LAWNS:** Mow the lawn as short as possible, rake thoroughly to remove any debris or dead grass and expose the soil.  
**BARE SOIL:** Rake to loosen the top 1/4<sup>IN</sup> of soil.



- 2 FERTILIZING**  
Apply VIGORO® STARTER FERTILIZER at the recommended rate. This ensure the soil has the right proportion of nutrients that new grass plants need to become an established, healthy lawn.



- 3 PLANTING**  
Sow evenly over the planting area at the recommended rate. For new lawns and when treating bare spots gently rake seed into soil.  
**SEEDING RATE:** 7<sup>LB</sup> per 875 SQ FT (new lawns); 7<sup>LB</sup> per 1,750 SQ FT (overseeding existing lawns).

### WHEN TO PLANT SEED

Best results are obtained with seeding in the early spring or fall, when daily temperatures range between 60°F and 80°F, as these conditions are ideal for seedling growth.

**SPRING PLANTING:** Plant in the early spring when temperatures are between 55°F and 80°F. This allows time for the seed to grow and establish before facing the hot, dry conditions of summer.

**FALL PLANTING:** Plant in late summer or early fall when daily temperatures are consistently between 65°F and 80°F. Fall is a great time for planting because the warm days and cool nights promote rapid growth.

## CARE & MAINTENANCE



### WATERING

Keep soil moist by lightly watering 2 to 3 times daily until seed emergence is complete (2 to 4 weeks). Continue to water until the lawn has reached establishment (after 3rd or 4th mowing) then water as needed.

**TIP** A typical established lawn requires 1/2IN of water twice a week in absence of rainfall. It is better to water fewer times per week for longer periods than frequent light watering.



### WEED CONTROL

Do not apply a weed control product until seed has germinated and is established (after the 3rd of 4th mowing).

**TIP** Weeds steal valuable nutrients and water from the grass. By practicing good mowing habits and following a regular fertilizing schedule you significantly reduce weed competition and have a healthier, better looking lawn.



### MOWING

Maintain a regular mowing schedule and cut when plants are approximately 3in.

**TIP** Avoid cutting off more than a third of the blade at once; it is a shock to the plant.



### FEEDING

Regular feedings are critical to overall turf health and vigor. Apply a follow-up feeding of VIGORO® Starter Fertilizer 4 to 6 weeks after establishment.

**TIP** For best results, fertilize 4 to 5 times a year following the VIGORO® ANNUAL LAWN CARE Program. See store associate, visit our website or contact your local county extension agency for a program that is right for your area.

## PRE-EMERGENT HERBICIDE

### TIMING

Timing is crucial when applying pre-emergent herbicides. They should be applied before the weed seeds begin to germinate, usually in early spring or fall, depending on the specific weed species and your geographical location. Applying the herbicide after grass seed has been sown may prevent the germination and growth of both weeds and desirable grass seed.

**TIP** Not all pre-emergent herbicides are suitable for use before seeding grass. Some can hinder grass seed germination as well. Therefore, it's essential to carefully read and follow the instructions provided by the manufacturer. Additionally, consider using a selective herbicide that targets common lawn weeds while being safe for the grass species you are planting.

### PREPARATION

To ensure the best results, it's recommended to prepare the soil properly before applying pre-emergent herbicides and grass seed. This includes removing any existing weeds, loosening the soil, and adding necessary amendments. By combining proper soil preparation, timely application of pre-emergents, and appropriate grass seed selection, you can establish a healthier, weed-free lawn more effectively.

## FAST FACTS

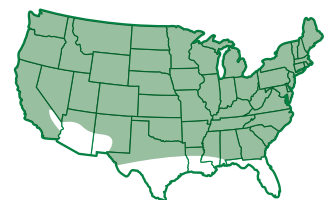
Area of Use	Light to Heavy Traffic
Color	Dark Green
Texture	Fine to Medium
Light Required	Medium to Full
Sprouts	7-12 Days*

\*With proper seed bed preparation and when soil temperatures and moisture levels are suitable for growth.

## PLANTING AREAS

### WHERE TO USE

This mixture has been specifically formulated with high performing grass seed to produce a durable, disease resistant, drought tolerant lawn. Exceptional deep root structure enables this mix to thrive in harsh conditions such as cold, heat, sun, shade, and high traffic.



■ Optimal growing areas

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