

How to Choose the Right Grass Seed for your Lawn

According to surveys, an estimated 80% of Americans love **gardens and lawns**, with gardening ranking among the top hobbies. While we all know someone who would spend their entire day in a nursery, picking out the perfect flowers and vegetables for their **home garden**, not as many pay the same attention while buying **grass seeds**.

It's actually pretty shocking how many people don't know the first thing about picking the right **grass seed**; Probably because lawns are often underrated despite being one of the most crucial features of your property. Plenty of people believe all grass is the same, tall and green. However, there is much more to it than that. You need to pick the one that best suits your climate, soil conditions, and more. Don't just blindly follow the retailer's suggestion, do the research yourself. Let's list some important things to keep in mind while picking the right seeds for your **home garden's** grass bed:

The “Traffic” on Your Green Carpet:

It is vital to understand the kind of garden you want to create, but it's also essential to keep in mind the realities. Do you plan on having pool parties there with your kids? Do you just want to sit on your lawn and sip a cup of tea? Are you a social butterfly who hosts extravagant summer get-togethers, attended by friends and family? Do you have pets (especially dogs)?

This kind of information helps determine how much footfall your **grass bed** will face. Delicate grasses cannot sustain themselves if they are subject to too much wear and tear, especially without intensive repair therapies. Alternatively, **self-mending grasses like the Kentucky bluegrass** will not become completely "shaved" even if your children play there often.

Maintenance Requirements

Some **grass types** are incredibly high maintenance. They need you to provide plenty of sunshine (or, in some cases, protect them from long hours of sun exposure), water them often, mow, fertilize, replace patches, and the list goes on. That said, a lot of species do not require such heavy maintenance.

These species tend to be naturally resistant to bugs/ fungi and thus are not prone to as many diseases. They also have medium to low water requirements and can thrive in a wide range of conditions. As a result, it often comes down to just how much time and money you can spend on your personal green spaces. There are many tips and tricks you can use to give your lawn a **professional lawn maintenance** look.

Climate

Climate is one of the most important factors affecting grass growth; let's take a look at the **various grass types found across the US**:

Grasses for Cold-Regions

These grasses grow well in areas that get extremely cold during winters and moderately hot during summers.

Turf Grass/Kentucky Bluegrass:

While it's unclear how turf grass arrived in the United States, some experts believe that the migrants coming to inhabit the New World likely brought in seeds or **turf mixtures** of this variety. Today, turfgrass grows naturally well beyond the Kentucky region. That said, it doesn't grow in all the southern and western states due to the hotter climate conditions.

The scientific name for **Kentucky Bluegrass** is *Poa Pratensis*, and it's native to Asian and European regions. It's found in cooler areas that receive plenty of rainfall during the year and has more than 200 specific classifications. Widely used as lawn grass and also in sporting fields, it requires at least three years after seeding before it is well established. It also requires fertilizers, especially during spring and autumn seasons, to stay at its healthiest.

Other cold-region grass types:

1. **Wheat Grass** is known for its toughness and drought tolerance; ideal anywhere it gets really cold. Thanks to its drought and traffic tolerance, wheatgrass even thrives in sub-zero temperatures without frequent watering or the use of fertilizers.
2. **Carpet Grass** is commonly found all over the world and goes by different names in different countries. It is ideal for wet and humid soils and even survives in the shade. Known for the distinct carpeted feel and texture, this grass requires little to no maintenance, making it a great option if you have the right soil and climate conditions. You'll find this grass in a lot of parks, golf courses, etc.
3. Ideally intended for use in golf courses and sports arenas; **Bent-Grass** requires excessive maintenance, special attention, and a lot of mowing. While this type of grass is not suggested for newbies, there's no stopping you if you're a garden enthusiast and are willing to give it the care it needs. Bear in mind, however, that this type of grass does not withstand extreme temperatures, whether hot or cold.

Grasses for Warm-Regions

These species are ideal for places that face extreme summers and milder winters.

1. **Bahia Grass**; a tropical grass that is ideal if your area has a high pest and infestation rate. This grass is a grass-war survivor. It can thrive in poor soil conditions with little to no maintenance. However, when it's time to mow the lawn, you may want a professional to do it, considering its rough and coarse texture.
2. If you're on a tight budget, be sure to check out **Bermuda Grass** as it's relatively cost-effective. This unusual grass species is known by other names such as couchgrass or devil grass and is native to the Eastern Hemisphere. It does require plenty of sunlight, but you don't have to do much of anything as they require little to no maintenance.
3. **Centipede Grass**; a grass that is ideal for acidic soil; however, keep in mind that Phosphorus is not good for this particular type of grass. If your soil has a pH of 4.5-5.5, this is the grass for you. It requires very little maintenance, but it does not respond well to excessive traffic.

Some Final Thoughts

Even if you live somewhere that isn't excessively hot or cold, there are a lot of options available for grass seeds that'll thrive. You can get **hybrid grass seeds**, and some retailers offer **grass seed packets** with more than one species to promote strong grass growth.

As always, it's important to keep in mind the sun exposure your grass will get, because some species grow well in partial shades, while some refuse to remain healthy unless they receive uninterrupted sunlight for specific hours during the day.

If you have any more questions or are looking to revamp your outdoor aesthetics, visit [FIXR](#) for a quote on different types of grass. They have the answers to all your questions and queries.