

KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS

Kentucky bluegrass is the most widely used grass in Colorado Springs. Consider these tips when evaluating if Kentucky bluegrass is right for you:

BENEFITS

- **Excellent traffic tolerance.** Kentucky bluegrass is the best option for lawns used regularly by kids or dogs.
- **Traditional lawn appearance** with a deep green color and thick, soft texture.
- **Ability to survive drought.** Goes dormant during hot dry weather but recovers when cooler, wetter weather returns.

WATERING

- Water regularly two to three times per week during the growing season. From November to March water one to two times per month on warmer days to prevent winter kill.
- During hot, dry summers, Kentucky bluegrass can require more water to stay green.
- To water efficiently, consider keeping area to about 1,000 square feet or less.

INSTALLATION

- Install as seed or sod April through September.
- Sod results in less weed problems than seed.
- Till and amend the soil with compost before planting. Good soil prep results in healthier grass that requires less watering.



TIPS FOR GRASS SELECTION

DON'T use Kentucky bluegrass if:

- It doesn't have a purpose. Choose it for high traffic areas, not as default landscaping.
- The area is too shady and won't be regularly watered, fertilized or mowed.
- You're planting on a slope. It grows best on flat areas that are wider than 8 feet.

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