

NATIVE GRASS MIXES

Native grass mixes require less mowing, fertilizer and water than traditional lawns. They are a great way to create a sustainable landscape for naturalistic or informal areas.

BENEFITS

- **Can plant in native soil** without soil amendments. Till compacted soil first.
- **Can be custom mixed** to contain species that grow well with a specific site.
- **Low maintenance** once grasses are established, usually after the third growing season.
- **Good groundcover option** for large, sloped, or low-use areas.

WATER SAVINGS

- Depending on the species, native grass mixes can be watered once per week during the growing season, during dry periods only, or not at all.
- Requires regular watering for several weeks after planting while it establishes new roots.
- Most species do not require winter watering.

INSTALLATION

- The best time to seed depends on the specific species in the mixture.
- Available as seed only, not sod or plugs.
- Weed invasion is a common in grass seeding projects but can be managed with mowing or weed treatments
- Consult a horticulture, rangeland or reclamation expert for guidance.

Visit [csu.org](https://www.csu.org) for water-wise information, irrigation rebates and instructional videos.



TIPS FOR GRASS SELECTION

DON'T use native grasses if:

- You want a thick, deep, traditional looking yard. Native grass mixes have variation in texture, color and height that result in a less uniform appearance.
- You don't want to manage weeds. Consider installing landscape plants with wood chip mulch instead.



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