



DOUGLASS KING SEED CO

# RIVIERA

## Bermuda Grass



Superior Turf Quality	Improved Spring Dead	Excellent Wear Tolerance
Fine to Medium Texture	Spot Resistance	Fast Establishment
Drought Tolerant	Excellent Winter Hardiness	Excellent Divot Recovery
Excellent Spring Greenup	Dark Green Color	Rate

### **Establishment:**

- 1.) Plant 1-2 lbs per 1000 sq. feet**
- 2.) Cover seed with 1/4 inch of soil.**
- 3.) Maintain soil moisture using frequent light irrigation.**
- 4.) Seed should begin to germinate in 10-14 days.**

**\*\*\*Never cut more than 1/3 of the grass blade height off when mowing.\*\*\***

## **BERMUDA GRASS**

**LIGHT REQUIREMENTS:** Full Sun

**WATER REQUIREMENTS:** Seed beds should be kept moist until germination. For two weeks after planting we recommend that you try to water the seed beds 2-3 times a day, for about 10-15 minutes at a time, just to keep the top layer of soil moist. After the first two weeks you can cut watering back to once a day, if possible. Keeping the seed bed moist is very important to starting your lawn.

**MOWING HEIGHT:** Bermuda grass should be kept short. Maintain Bermuda grass at 1/2 inch to 1 1/2 inches tall. The more you mow your lawn, the thicker and fuller your Bermuda grass will become.

**PLANTING SPECIFICATIONS:** Sow Bermuda seed at a planting depth of 1/4 inch, using two pounds of seed per 1000 square feet. **Bermuda germinates quickly, usually in ten to fourteen days.** Under the proper conditions, it can become fully established in 60 to 90 days.

**FERTILIZER:** Bermuda thrives on fertilizer. After your lawn is established you should apply fertilizer to Bermuda two to three times during the growing season. We recommend that you do not apply fertilizer onto your seed until after the second mowing. If you get fertilizer down too early, it could hurt the growing process of the seed. In April, it will start to come out of its dormant state. When it is about 50% green, apply a slow-release, high nitrogen fertilizer to you lawn. Make a second application about six to eight weeks later or as directed on the bag. A third application in another six weeks may be desired. Apply a "winterizer" to Bermuda in late October to prevent winter injury.

**A word of caution:** Do not combine Bermuda seed and Bermuda sod. Most Bermuda sod varieties are hybrids and do not mix well with the grass from common Bermuda seed, because they have different appearances and textures.

### **WEED CONTROL FOR BERMUDA GRASS**

For years, manufacturers of broadleaf weed control products have combined several herbicides in one product which is why you hear the term three-way. These have commonly included 2,4-D, mecoprop, and dicamba, which are common names of the herbicide. These products are combined because together they control more weeds than any one of them would alone. For example, MCPP provides better control of clover and chickweed than does 2,4-D, and dicamba provides better control of ground ivy.

Many products are available in liquid and granular formulations with these three ingredients for Bermuda grass lawns. Included are Ortho Weed-B-Gone Weed Killer For Lawns, Southern Ag Lawn Weed Killer with Trimec, Ace Spot Weed Killer, Ortho Basic Solutions Lawn Weed Killer, and Bayer Advanced Southern Weed Killer For Lawns. One reason for the popularity of these products is that most of these can be applied to all of the commonly grown turf grasses in the south including Bermuda grass lawns.

One of the best ways to ensure a weed free Bermuda grass lawn is to have a happy, healthy lawn. The more you mow, the more you water and keep it well fertilized will help prevent the growth of weeds.

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