

Granite

COMMON NAME: **Hard Fescue**

SPECIES: *Festuca trachyphylla*

Granite hard fescue is an improved variety developed by OreGro research for a turf that tolerates low mowing, and low maintenance. Drought soils, summer heat, winter cold and low fertility shade, are not obstacles to Granite's ability to perform. In combination with chewings and sheeps fescue, Granite hard fescue makes an excellent low/no maintenance turf for home lawns, roadsides, slopes, and vineyards. In mixtures with perennial ryegrass and Kentucky bluegrass, Granite provides excellent performance in shade and high quality lawns.



MEDIUM MATURITY

USAGE
Home lawns
Sports fields
Parks
Roadsides
Low maintenance

SEEDING RATES

Lawns, parks: 6-8 lb per 1,000 sqft

Sports fields: 6-8 lb per 1,000 sqft

Roadsides: 150-250 lb per acre

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Turf

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SEED COUNT:

570,000 seeds/lb



FERTILIZER MANAGEMENT

- Always take a soil test and consult your local extension service or fertilizer dealer for specific recommendations.
- Correct soil acidity, best between 5.5 and 7.
- Depending on the results of the soil test, a complete fertilizer such as 16-16-16 at 5 lb per 1,000 sqft, is helpful for establishment.
- Applying 1 lb of nitrogen per 1,000 sqft four times per year will keep the turf a pleasant green color. One of the applications should be made in the late fall
- Reduce nitrogen for low maintenance.

CLIMATE

MONTHS OF SOWING

ZONES

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
3B			●	●						●	●	
3C, 4C			●	●	●				●	●		
4A, 4B				●	●				●	●		
5A, 5B				●	●	●		●	●			
6A, 6B, 7					●	●		●	●			

SOIL TYPE

Adapted to a wide range of soils from clay loam to sandy loam. Soil should have adequate surface drainage.

IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT

- Sowing: Keep soil uniformly moist until grass has emerged. Reduce watering, depending on weather conditions.
- Maintenance: Depending on weather conditions, irrigate as needed to prevent wilting and dormancy. Irrigating deeply and infrequently will force deeper rooting and enhance drought tolerance.

MOWING MANAGEMENT

- Healthiest mowing height is between 2 and 3.5 inches. Mow when no more than 1/3 of the leaf blade is removed.
- Sports fields may be mowed shorter for short periods of time.
- Roadsides/low maintenance: mow once per year up to once a month. Mow higher for better turf resilience.



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