

Turf Saver® | RTF®

Golf, Multi-Use Sports Fields, Parks, & Lawns

- Drought Tolerant
- Self Repairing
- Dark Color

Key features

- Develops extensive deep root system
- Produces a thick, durable lawn with improved turf density
- Saves 30% water over comparable cool season turf grasses

Rhizomes shooting from a Turf Saver® | RTF® Plant



Turf Saver® powered by RTF® is a special blend of 60% high-quality traditional turf-type tall fescues and 40% rhizomatous tall fescue. This premium blend will display excellent germination, growth, and color.

The most advanced and unique tall fescue mixture available, Turf Saver® | RTF® provides the benefits of rhizomes not found in any other varieties. While other spreading varieties describe "potential" rhizome development or "aggressive tillering," the deep-rooted and heat-tolerant Turf Saver® | RTF® has been proven to mend damaged turf and maintain both uniformity and density.

Technical Information

Uses

Turf Saver® | RTF® features Bonfire and Zion Tall Fescue†, two A-LIST certified varieties known for reduced water and fertilizer requirements and natural disease resistance. Combined with the aggressive, traffic-tolerant nature of RTF®-powered turf-type tall fescue and its ability to spread and recover, this blend delivers durable, low-input performance across golf course roughs, sports fields, parks, home lawns, and naturalized areas.

Establishment

Seeding and establishment may be done in spring or fall, but be weary of summer or winter annuals. For better early weed control, consider an application of Mesotrione in the seeding process. Plant seeds to a depth of no more than 0.25-0.50" below the soil surface to ensure good seed to soil contact. Thatch layers will only slow or impede germination success. After spreading seed, keep seedbed moist throughout germination, with extra care during the early stages to prevent seed from drying out after initial seed imbibition. Germination should begin within 7 to 14 days and be complete within 21 days. The stand should establish in 30 days. Remember, the full turfgrass establishment process may take 6 months to a year.

Specifications

Seeding Rate:	8-10lbs./M*	*M=1,000 square feet
Mowing (Recommendation)	2.5-3" (or no-mow)	
Mowing (Down to)	1.5"	

† = subject to availability

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Trial Data

Disease Resistance

ENTRY	BROWN PATCH (WARM)	BROWN PATCH (COOL)	GRAY LEAF SPOT
High	6.8	8.5	8.2
Bonfire	**6.5**	**7.8**	**8.2**
Zion	**6.4**	**7.6**	**7.7**
Xanadu	**6.3**	**8.0**	7.3
BarRepair*	5.3	8.2	6.3
Low	4.6	5.7	4.3
LSD	1.1	1.4	0.8

Source: 2018 TF NTEP pg. 172, 178, 181 *Mean values from 3rd party trial sites

Winter-Spring Transition

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ENTRY	WINTER COLOR	SPRING COVER	SPRING GREEN UP
	1-9	0-100%	1-9
High	6.5	92%	6.2
Xanadu	**6.1**	**89.5%**	**5.8**
Bonfire	6.0	**89.0%**	**5.7**
Zion	6.0	**90.0%**	**5.8**
BarRepair*	5.4	90.0%	5.6
Low	5.2	79%	5.4
LSD	0.4	4.9	0.5

Source: 2018 TF NTEP pg. 166, 157, 139

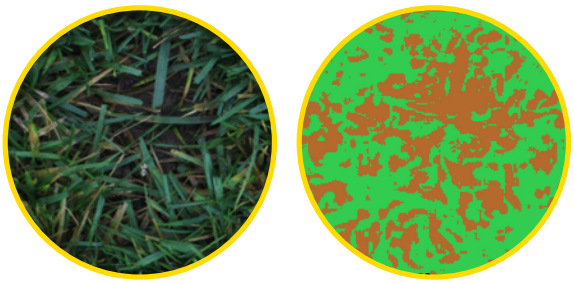
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2023 Visual Turfgrass Recovery Analysis

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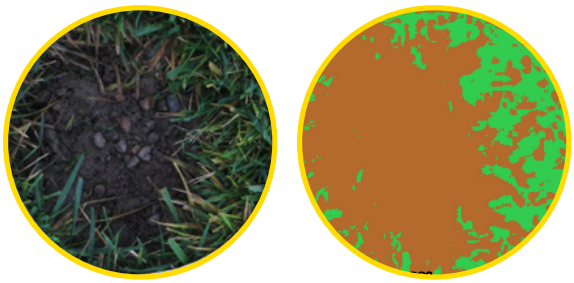
RTF®-powered grass holds a +30.7% green cover advantage at 150 days, more than double the competitor's living turf density.

RTF®-powered grass at 150 Days



56.7% green

Competitor at 150 Days



26.0% green

NMSU High Salinity Stress Trial

Trial Conditions:

- EC 9.79 | SAR 25.25
- Irrigated to 100% ET
- Moderate Fertility
- Lawn | Parks | Rec

SPECIES	ENTRY	COVER 0-100	QUALITY 1-9	NDVI 0-1	DGCI 0-1	COLOR 1-9
Tall Fescue	BarRobusto	**80.4**	**6.6**	**0.68**	**0.45**	**6.9**
Tall Fescue + Perennial Ryegrass	90/10 Salt Mix	**76.4**	**6.0**	**0.63**	**0.43**	**6.4**
Tall Fescue	RTF®	**69.6**	**5.7**	**0.62**	**0.41**	**5.9**
Kentucky Bluegrass	HGT®	**67.3**	**6.0**	**0.6**	**0.4**	**5.5**
Tall Fescue	Barrington II	**60.3**	**5.4**	**0.58**	**0.40**	**5.8**
Tall Fescue	Thor	48.7	4.1	**0.52**	**0.37**	**5.0**

Bold = top group DGCI = Dark Green Color Index NDVI = Measure of Turf Stress *Sorted by Cover

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