

SWORD

Hard Fescue

SWORD hard fescue is a shade tolerant fine fescue that has improved dark green genetic color. SWORD can be used in low maintenance areas such as roadsides, slopes and golf course roughs. Left unmowed, it creates a nice plume effect favorable for sloped landscape areas and links style golf course roughs. SWORD can be left unmowed for low maintenance roadsides or shorelines with its natural growth habit.

In maintained turf areas, SWORD hard fescue can be used in sun to full shade. It requires less fertilizer than other lawn grass species. It has excellent deep green color, and is well suited in areas of deep winter snows, and throughout the hot and humid transition zone.



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Quality Seed Since 1911



- ♦ *Low maintenance*
- ♦ *Roadsides & slopes*
- ♦ *Links effect golf roughs*
- ♦ *Mix with wildflowers*
- ♦ *Sun to dense shade use*
- ♦ *Dark green color*
- ♦ *Low fertility requirement*
- ♦ *MD/VA recommended variety*

Turf Features

Germination Time - Medium
12 to 17 days is normal in spring and fall with irrigation

Growth habit - bunch grass

Drought Tolerance - Good to very good

Mowing Height - from 2 to 3 inches weekly or unmowed for meadow effect in orchards, vineyards, slopes, roadsides and mixed with wildflowers

Disease Resistance - Very good with low fertilizer maintenance - can be diseased on well fed turf

Traffic tolerance - Medium tolerance when used with other lawn grasses

pH Tolerance
Ranges from 5.5 to 8.5, Ideally at 6.0 to 6.5

Texture - Very fine leaf texture and medium growth

Compatibility - in mixtures with Kentucky bluegrass or perennial ryegrass or tall fescue

Color - Medium green

Shade tolerance - Very good to excellent

Salt tolerance - Good

Endophyte enhanced - Yes - helps insect and stress tolerance

Preferred use - Home and commercial lawns in shade, golf roughs, roadsides, slopes, orchards

Seed Specification:

New Lawns:
4 pounds per 1000 square feet
or 175 # per Acre

Overseed:
2 pounds per 1000 square feet
or 90# per Acre

With Wildflowers:
7 pounds per Acre