

Recommended Turfgrasses for Kansas

Tips for Purchasing Seed

Some of these varieties are new to the market and may be difficult to find at the garden store. It is not always necessary for seed mixes to contain only the varieties mentioned below. Most of these newer varieties are very close to one another in quality. Choose seed that is a blend of three to five different varieties to maximize the strengths of each variety.

To avoid unwanted weeds always look carefully at the “weed seed” and “other crop” percentages. Purchase seed with as close to 0% of these unwanted seeds as possible. It may cost more than inexpensive seed mixes, but is a worthwhile investment.

K-31 fescue is an old standby and has been used for years. However, there are a myriad of newer cultivars that have improved color, density and a finer leaf texture. Though K-31 may still be a good choice for large, open areas, the new cultivars will give better performance for those who desire a high-quality turf.

Tall Fescue

Avenger II	4 th Millennium	Maestro	Regenerate	Terrano
Black Tail	GTO	Michelangelo	Rockwell	Thor
Bloodhound	Grande 3	Paramount	Rowdy	Titanium 2LS
Falcon V	Hot Rod	Rebounder	Technique	Traverse 2
Firebird 2	Leonardo	Reflection	Temple	Valkyrie LS

Kentucky Bluegrass

Recommended cultivars for **high-quality lawns**, where visual appearance is the prime concern include:

Alexa II	Beyond	Granite	Rhapsody	Sudden Impact
Aura	Diva	Impact	Rhythm	Washington
Award	Everest	Midnight	Rugby	Zinfandel
Barrister	Everglade	NuChicago	Skye	
Belissimo	Excursion	NuDestiny	Solor Eclipse	
Bewitched	Ginney II	NuGlade	STR 2485	

Good choices for **low maintenance** (limited watering) include:

Baron	Baronie	Caliber	Canterbury	Dragon
Eagelton	Envicta	Kenblue	North Star	South Dakota

Bermudagrass

Seeded types: Riviera, Yukon

Vegetative types: (from sprigs or sod): Midiron, Midlawn, Patriot, Latitude 36, Northbridge

Zoysiagrass

Seeded types: Zenith in southern Kansas only

Vegetative types: Meyer

Buffalograss

Seeded types: Bison, Cody, Plains, Sharps Improved, Tantaka, Texoka, Top Gun

Vegetative types: Buffalawn, Legacy, Prairie, Prestige

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