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What kind of grass is Reveille®?

Reveille® is a fine to medium textured cool season turfgrass, a cross between Kentucky Bluegrass (*poa pratensis*) and Texas Bluegrass (*poa arachnifera*).

What makes Reveille® different or better?

Reveille® can provide a year-round green lawn with low maintenance requirements. In cool season climates, it will require 35% to 40% less water than typical cool season grasses. Reveille® will also stay green longer during hot summer months. In areas in the upper Midwest, Reveille® will out-perform all Bluegrass and Tall Fescue in non-irrigated sites.

What areas of the country is Reveille® adapted to?

Reveille® will perform well in all areas of the country with exception of the extreme Northeast and Northwest because of high precipitation. It is adapted to areas that stretch from Canada to Mexico.

How much water will it need?

Reveille® will require approximately 1/3 of pan evaporation. It prefers to be watered deep but infrequently. As with any turfgrass, the amount of water needed by the plant will vary with soil and weather conditions. In cooler areas, Reveille® will require 35% less water than other cool season varieties. Studies have shown Reveille® to remain green after 40 days with no water (rain or irrigation).

What is the proper watering schedule for Reveille®?

In establishing a new Reveille® lawn, water daily or more in warmer climates (keep grass very moist) for the first 7-10 days. Once established, water Reveille® when the plant begins to show the initial stage of dehydration (leaves begin to

curl and wilt and turf will retain footprints after being walked on). Water the turf to wet the soil to a depth of 6-8 inches (it may be necessary to cycle the irrigation more than once through each area to prevent runoff and obtain the necessary moisture penetration). Reveille® needs a dry down period between watering. Do not water on a daily basis once established.

What height should it be mowed at?

Mowing height range is 1 1/2 - 3 inches. Reveille® has performed very well at lower mowing heights. Optimal height is 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 inches. In its native state (no mowing), Reveille's® results have been outstanding. This is a great application for golf course roughs or roadside revegetation. Reveille makes a great replacement for areas using K31 Tall Fescue.

What about mowing frequency?

Just like any other turf, Reveille® should have the mowing frequency adjusted to the growth rate at various times of the year. Studies have shown that Reveille's® vertical growth is slower than both warm and cool season grasses. In the southern climates, Reveille® will need mowing as little as once a month during midsummer and winter months. Expect once every 10 days in spring and fall. In cooler northern climates, once every 10 days during summer months and 14-21 days in early spring and fall. A good rule of thumb is never remove more than 1/3 of the leaf blade at a single mowing.

Can it be mowed with a rotary mower?

Yes, but with either a rotary or reel mower it is always important to keep the blade sharp to give the best finished appearance.

How does Reveille® handle traffic?

Reveille® compares very well with Kentucky Bluegrass.

Does Reveille® spread?

Yes, Reveille® is a rhizomatous grass and will spread moderately when compared to warm season grasses. It will be as aggressive as Kentucky Bluegrass in cool season areas.

When should Reveille® be fertilized?

Fertilize in the early spring/late winter and fall. Do not apply nitrogen fertilizers during the summer months. Apply iron in the summer to keep the grasses deep green color.

What type of fertilizer and how much should be applied?

The amount and type of fertilizer used should always be based on soil tests performed for your specific location. A good rule of thumb is 4 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. of preplant (starter) fertilizer for new sod and a good balanced fertilizer in spring and fall 15-15-15 or 16-4-8 at a rate of 6 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft.

How does it do in shade?

Reveille® has moderate to good shade tolerance. The results of a 2 year shade test under live oaks at Texas A&M have shown that Reveille® is equal to or better than Tall Fescue. Remember, all turfgrasses prefer sunlight to shade.

What diseases can it get?

Reveille®, like Kentucky Bluegrass, can be susceptible to brown patch. Improper watering and fertilization greatly enhance the occurrence of brown patch.

What herbicides can be used on Reveille®?

Herbicides, both post-emergent and pre-emergence, that are labeled for Kentucky Bluegrass have worked well with Reveille®.