



About No Mow Fine Fescue Mix

The No Mow Fine Fescue Mix is a low maintenance alternative to planting a traditional lawn mix. The mix contains a blend of fine fescue grasses that are very slow growing. Once it reaches a height of 4-6 inches, it will lay down, creating a lawn that looks like a natural carpet. The mix can also be mowed occasionally for a more manicured look. It grows in both sunny and shady areas and is very drought tolerant.

Complementary to Native Projects

- Serve as a natural fire break along buildings and around trees and shrubs
- Create a walkway through a prairie
- Plant under mature trees and other shady areas
- Visually off-set native plantings and other natural areas

Why No Mow?

- Ecologically friendly alternative to high maintenance lawns
- Requires little maintenance, less watering and no fertilization
- Thrives in full sun to full shade
- Thrives in well drained soils, including dry, sandy, or rocky areas
- Forms a dense sod and crowds out weed growth

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	% OF MIX
<i>Festuca longifolia</i>	Hard Fescue	25%
<i>Festuca rubra</i> var. <i>commutate</i>	Chewing Fescue	25%
<i>Festuca rubra</i> var. <i>rubra</i>	Creeping Red Fescue	25%
<i>Festuca ovina</i>	Sheeps Fescue	25%

Recommended Seeding Rates

200-250 lb/acre

Seeding Dates

The optimal seeding time is from mid August through late September. No Mow can also be seeded mid March through mid August, but will experience greater weed competition.

Site Preparation

All existing vegetation must be removed before seeding. The use of broad-spectrum glyphosate herbicide and subsequent sprayings will kill any existing vegetation. If spraying is not an option, another effective method of weed control is tilling. An initial tilling at a depth of 3 – 6 inches will kill most weeds, and subsequent shallow tillings at approximately 2 – 3 inches deep will eliminate newly germinated weed seedlings. In smaller areas, smothering with black landscaping fabric, leaf compost, or grass clippings are effective methods of weed control. The site should be kept covered for an entire year prior to planting.

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Site Preparation (Continued)

Rocks and other debris should be removed. It is desirable to have at least 6 inches of black topsoil. Seedbed should be firmed up by dragging and/or rolling.

Seeding Guidelines

A broadcast seeder is an ideal choice for larger sites that have recently been tilled. Hand broadcasting is commonly used for small projects or in areas that are too wet or steep to use a mechanical seeder. No Mow can be planted with a no-till drill and should be planted to a depth of no more than 1/8 inch below the soil surface. This mix can also be successfully seeded using a hydro-seeder.

Maintenance

Watering

In the first two months, No Mow should be watered for 15-30 minutes, every 2-3 days. Once the new seedlings become visible, watering can be gradually reduced. Except under hot dry conditions, established No Mow requires no additional watering.

Fertilization and Weed Control

Generally, fine fescues do not require fertilization. Once established, fine fescues will crowd out most weeds.

Mowing

Without regular mowing, No Mow will reach 4-6 inches and will fold over to form a soft, flowing lawn. For a more manicured look, it is recommended that this mix be mowed to a minimum of 4 inches. Most landowners will mow once in mid June when seed heads appear.

De-thatching

Thatch can smother new grass shoots and create dead spots. If thatch builds up, the lawn should be de-thatched using a mechanical de-thatcher or power rake, or by hand using a de-thatching rake.



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<p>Hard Fescue (25%) <i>Festuca longifolia</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bunch grass • Tolerant of foot traffic • Slow growing 	<p>Chewing Fescue (25%) <i>Festuca rubra var. commutate</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bunch grass • Competitive • Crowds out weeds • Thrives in acidic soils
<p>Creeping Red Fescue (25%) <i>Festuca rubra var. rubra</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spreads by rhizomes creeping under the ground, fills in gaps • Drought tolerant • Binds bunch grasses together 	<p>Sheeps Fescue (25%) <i>Festuca ovina</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bunch grass • Extremely drought tolerant • Slow growing