



Turf Fact Sheet

Palmetto Soft Leaf Buffalo

Palmetto is a soft leaf Buffalo variety that is an improved strain of the old fashioned variety. It is linked to the species used around Australia since the early 1900's. These early varieties however, lost popularity due to their poor colour, coarseness and overall disappointing performance. In most states Palmetto Buffalo grass has fast regained popularity along with other new varieties. With its unique features and qualities it is not as rampant as kikuyu and has good regenerative properties for repair in warmer months. It tolerates more shade than kikuyu and does not cause itching like the old fashioned buffalo. As Palmetto is summer active and winter dormant, it transplants better in the warmer months. If transplanted in winter, there will be very little movement and "greening up" until spring, however it can be done.

Maintenance

- When mowing, no more than 30-40% of the leaf should be removed in any one mow. Keep mower blades sharp and do not cut wet grass.
- Palmetto is best at 30-40mm length. In a shady position it should be kept longer at all times, in spring, the lawn can be mown down to a height of 15mm (except in shady areas) and fertilised.
- Summer, mow every 7 – 10 days, autumn and winter every 2-4 weeks, if necessary.

Why Choose Palmetto?

Palmetto is a high quality, low maintenance shade tolerant grass which is ideal for heavy traffic areas.

Features include:

- the ability to maintain a crisp, green colour in summer and winter
- fungus resistant and herbicide tolerant
- provides good wear tolerance in high traffic areas (backyards with dogs, heavily shaded playgrounds, etc)
- quick recovery from wear and damage
- low water use – drought tolerant
- a low chemical and mowing requirement makes it environmentally responsible
- an easy all round lawn to maintain
- a turf that is able to offer a high quality appearance without professional care

Palmetto can tolerate severe drought conditions once established.

DROUGHT TOLERANCE 9 / 10
WEAR AND DURABILITY 9/10
SHADE TOLERANCE 7 / 10
LOW MAINTENANCE 8.5 / 10
FROST TOLERANCE 5 / 10