

Amity

Turf Type Tall Fescue

Amity, (tested as "CCR2"), is a new elite variety of turf type tall fescue developed by the breeders at Rutgers. It is a synthetic variety developed at the Rutgers Research Station near Adelphia NJ. Amity originated from tillers taken from elite selections of turf type tall fescue that demonstrated superior summer performance, density, disease resistance, wear tolerance, and turf quality compared to other tall fescue varieties.

Usage:

Amity has great color and is a persistent, lower growing, endophyte enhanced variety that is well adapted to hot summers, high humidity, both higher and lower fertility soils, higher salt conditions, shade, and tough use situations. It incorporates all the improved features expected in elite tall fescues. It has an excellent dark green color, medium leaf texture, and has great summer performance and stress tolerance. Amity is very persistent, can be mowed down to 5/8 inch and has deep roots and excellent drought tolerance. It is a "Semi-Dwarf" type variety with a medium low growth rate. NTEP results have been excellent. In the 2013 NTEP, Amity was a "Top 10" variety in turf quality.

Adaptation:

For both low and high maintenance, Amity is recommended wherever an elite quality tall fescue is called for. NTEP data shows that it performs exceptionally well in the transition zone. It is well adapted to low fertility situations and to shade and tolerates acid soils as well as higher pH soils and shady conditions. Amity is recommended for lawns, parks, golf course roughs and for sod production. Amity can be blended with other improved varieties of turf type tall fescue and also mixes well with broader leafed varieties of Kentucky bluegrass such as Baron and Blitz.

Seeding and Establishment:

Recommended seeding times are early to mid-spring (good) or late summer to early fall (best). A seeding rate of 6 – 10 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. is recommended for new plantings. For overseeding existing turf a rate of 3 – 5 lbs / 1000 sq ft is best. Normally seedlings will emerge in 8 – 12 days after planting and the first mowing can be expected in 3 – 5 weeks.

Management:

Amity is both a lower fertility and higher fertility grass and performs well with Nitrogen applications ranging from 2 – 5 lbs. actual N per 1000 sq. ft. per year. Yearly P and K applications at half the N amount are also desirable. Fall fertilization is recommended. A mowing height between 1.25 – 3.5 inches is ideal but lower and higher cutting heights (down to 5/8 inch) can also be tolerated well.

Features

- Excellent heat resistance
- Endophyte enhanced
- Excellent salt tolerance
- Darker green coloration
- Medium leaf texture
- High density
- Shade tolerant
- High traffic recovery
- Low soil fertility adaptation
- Transition zone performance
- Acidic and Alkaline soil adaptation

Primary Pest and Disease Resistances

- Brown patch resistance
- Leaf spot resistance
- Net blotch resistance

Uses

- Lawns
- Parks
- Golf course roughs
- Sod production

Seeding Rates

- **New Turf**
6-10 lbs/1,000 sq ft
- **Overseeding**
3-5 lbs/1,000 sq ft

Mow Height

- **Recommended** - 2 in
- **Max** - 3.5 in
- **Min** - 5/8 in



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