



Cynodon dactylon

Plant Breeder:

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Experimental Designation – SWI-10

Mohawk is an advanced synthetic turf-type bermudagrass with low growing, lush green turf. Mohawk has increased turf density combined with medium fine texture and dark green color. Since 1993, Mohawk has delivered improved turf performance and cold tolerance in Virginia trials. In Oklahoma State University freeze chamber tests designed to kill one-half of the tested plants; Mohawk withstood temperatures of -6.75° Centigrade.

Characteristics:

- Remarkable cold tolerance, ability to survive winter conditions better than most bermudagrass
- Superb durability
- Increased turf density and performance
- Medium fine leaf texture, dark green color
- Good seedling vigor

Recommended Use:

Golf Courses (fairways, tees, roughs), Athletic Fields, Parks, and Home Lawns

Climatic Zones:

6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 (may not be adaptable to all areas within each zone)

Establishment & Maintenance:

Mohawk may be planted across tropical and sub-tropical climate zones and into the transition zone. For best results, plant when soil temperatures are consistently above 65° F (18° C) in full sun on well-drained soil. Apply lime as needed to establish a minimum 6.0 soil pH. Care must be taken not to cover the seed with too much soil – no more than 1/4 inch (6.4 mm) of soil covering is recommended. Soil moisture around the seed must be maintained for at least 1 to 2 weeks. Under ideal conditions, germination may begin within 10 to 14 days. Allow 14 to 21 days for full germination. Full coverage may be attained in 4 to 6 weeks, when planting early or late in the season, more time may be needed for establishment. Subject to germination rate, first mowing may begin approximately 3 weeks after seeding. To avoid scalping the turf, do not remove more than 1/3 of the leaf blade per mowing. Minimum recommended mowing height is 1/2 to 3/4 inch (12.7 – 19.1 mm). Winter overseeding may be completed for year round color, but is not generally recommended on turf less than 6 to 8 months old.

Seeding Rates:

- New Turf Applications 2 – 3 lbs/1000 sq ft
(1 – 1 1/2 kg/100 sq meters)
- Overseeding or Repairing Existing Turf 1 lb/1000 sq ft
(1/2-kg/100 sq meters)

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