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Overseeding Your Lawns With Ryegrass

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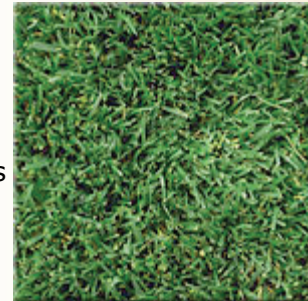
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Dear TJ,

Because our temperatures in the Phoenix area range from 120-degree summer days to 25-degree winter nights, it is impossible to have one type of grass remain green and healthy all year long. Bermuda grasses will go dormant in the winter months when the temperatures drop off. The Bermuda will grow back in the spring, so overseeding is not necessary for the health of your lawn. But if you want green grass year round, you will have to overseed in the fall with cool-season ryegrass. If you decide to overseed, experts recommend waiting until your Bermuda lawn has been established for one year. And some turf managers overseed every other year to strengthen their Bermuda roots. Following tips are for overseeding:



PREPARATION

1. Overseeding is best done when the night temperatures are consistently less than 60 degrees, which is typically between late September thru mid-November.
2. Cut your irrigation in half a couple of weeks before your overseeding date.
3. Do not mow your lawn one to two weeks before overseeding.
4. The day of overseeding, mow Bermuda grass as low as your mower will go-preferably one half inch high-and remove the clippings from the lawn.

OVERSEEDING

1. Spread Ryegrass seed in amounts specified on seed packaging

5. Rake in the seed to promote good soil contact.
6. Cover seed with one quarter inch of weed-free forest mulch, composted steer manure, or grass clippings. Top dressing helps maintain moisture and moderate soil temperatures needed to promote seed germination, and deters birds from feeding on the seed.
7. Water 3 to 4 times a day for 5 to 10 minutes until seeds germinate in 5 to 7 days.

RYEGRASS CARE

1. After ryegrass begins to establish, around the third or fourth week, gradually start reducing irrigation to every 3 to 7 days in November and December, then every 7 to 14 days for the remainder of the season. Ryegrass requires longer watering periods than Bermuda grass. Ryegrass should be soaked 4 to 6 inches to promote a vigorous root system.
2. Do not mow until ryegrass grows 2 inches. And only take off one half of an inch for the first few mowing. Once established, it can be mowed to lower height if desired.
3. Do not fertilize until after the first mowing, and continue to fertilize monthly until the end of the season, thru March.

Please [contact](#) Alexon Design at **480.699.7796** if you would like us to overseed your lawn.

Featured Design

Location: *Rancho Marana Community in Scottsdale*

Designers: *Roger Hagener @ Alexon Design*

Complete Pool Remodel in Scottsdale!

Our homeowner's possessed an incredible resort like backyard with one exception; the pool was out-dated. We needed a makeover in a bad way! We installed travertine tile on top of the existing patio, and



floated out over the entire pool. We faced the existing concrete decking with the same material, and then installed one inch by one inch tiles on the existing "rolled" bond-beam.



The travertine enhanced their lush backyard, and immediately brought it up to the times. By taking the travertine from the patio to the pool, it greatly increased the size of their patio. And now they can enjoy their backyard for many years to come.

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