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Grasses for north Idaho

Higher Maintenance Grasses

Chewings fescue

- Shade tolerance
- Darker green color
- Bunchgrass - does not creep
- Minimal nitrogen fertilization
- Minimal irrigation
- Bunchgrass – can thin out due to drought, disease or traffic

Creeping red fescue

- Creeping fine fescue
- Shade tolerance
- Darker green color
- Bunchgrass - does not creep
- Minimal nitrogen fertilization
- Minimal irrigation
- Bunchgrass – can thin out due to drought, disease or traffic

Tall fescue

- Seed at 5 lb. per 1000 sq. ft.
- Deep root system
- Will tolerate less frequent irrigation
- Will resist drought
- Needs full sun
- Bunchgrass – can thin out due to drought, disease or traffic

Continued on back

Higher Maintenance Grasses (continued)

Perennial ryegrass

- Seed at 5 lb. per 1000 sq. ft.
- Fast germination – 7 days
- Poor winter survivability
- Limited root system
- Used in mixes with fine fescues and Kentucky bluegrass for quick cover
- Bunchgrass

Kentucky bluegrass

- Seed at 5 lb. per 1000 sq. ft.
- Rhizomatous, creeping root system
- Drought tolerant – will survive periods of drought well
- Poor shade tolerance
- High aesthetic quality
- High water demand

Lower Maintenance Grasses

Hard fescue

- Prefers drier soils
- Good heat tolerance
- Minimal nitrogen fertilization
- Minimal irrigation
- Bunchgrass – can thin out due to drought, disease or traffic

Sheep fescue

- Low maintenance lawns
- Good for unmowed, naturalized areas