

MIDNIGHT

KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS

A very dark blue-green color
 Dwarf growth habit
 Very high tiller density
 Drought tolerance
 Strong overall disease resistance
 Good tolerance to close mowing

MIDNIGHT is a unique compact-type variety which possesses the qualities most desired by turfgrass professionals. Consistently tops the NTEP trials! It just doesn't get any darker! Probably the most outstanding feature of MIDNIGHT Kentucky bluegrass is its unusually dark blue-green color giving it a rich color even under low maintenance conditions. Its high tiller density provides a thick carpet that will stand up to the abuses of athletic fields and high traffic. Sod producers and homeowners alike will enjoy MIDNIGHT's dwarf growth characteristics which result in fewer mowings and lower maintenance costs. This outstanding cultivar shows good resistance to leaf spot, stem rust, stripe smut and dollar spot. University trials have documented MIDNIGHT's heat and drought tolerance.

MIDNIGHT is recommended for use on athletic fields, golf courses, sod blends, parks, professional landscaped, and home lawns areas where Kentucky bluegrass is adapted. It is compatible in blends with other darker green, lower growing bluegrasses and in mixtures with strong creeping red fescues and improved "II" and "III" series of turf-type perennial ryegrasses.

MIDNIGHT performs well in sand or heavy clay soils, and like all bluegrasses, performs best in soils with a pH of 5.5 to 8.0. Three to five lbs. N/1000 sq. ft./year is adequate in most areas of the United states. However, because of MIDNIGHT's dark genetic color, lower fertilizer rates will yield acceptable color. MIDNIGHT, like all bluegrasses, requires about 3 weeks for complete germination. Color may be observed before that time, however, in good growing weather where soil temperatures are above 65 degrees F., expect 3 to 4 weeks for a complete stand of grass. MIDNIGHT has good mowing qualities and can be maintained at a cutting height of 1/2 to 2 inches.

New Lawns: 2 to 3# per 1000 square feet
Overseed: 1 to 1.5# per 1000 square feet

Final Report NTEP #01-12 Kentucky Bluegrass
 1996-2000 Medium-High Maintenance
 at 29 locations

Variety Comparison

MIDNIGHT	6.4
Impact	6.3
Apollo	6.3
Blacksburg	6.2
Arcadia	6.1
Wildwood	6.0
Chicago	5.9

Turf Quality Ratings (Higher is better) LSD = 0.1



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