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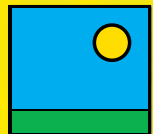
CURATOR TURF SEED GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

Amenity, aesthetics and leisure are a vital part of the structure and tempo of our world. Heritage Seeds has an unsurpassed range of turf solutions for robust sporting activities, landscaping and pleasure pursuits. Many turf options are also crucial to support horticultural activities or to provide a good option for open spaces instead of pavement or bitumen. The backyard is an Australian institution, and there are few better ways to spend casual time than on a nicely grassed home lawn whether in peaceful solitude or with friends and family.

Getting a new lawn right is very satisfying. It should not be taken on lightly however, and there are some important things to consider and do to help ensure best results. Spring and autumn are ideal times to plant lawn seed as there is usually adequate moisture and warm temperatures. Avoid very cold and hot dry months particularly if water restrictions are in place as germinating lawn seed must not be allowed to dry out. Sow seed at the rate recommended on the container.

The most important decision when establishing turf is choosing the correct variety or mix. However it is not always easy selecting the right seed blend that suits your situation and the desired outcome.

A few basic things to consider as part of your decision making process:

- Suitability to climatic region
- Quality of varieties
- Time of year when sowing
- Drought tolerance/water use
- Irrigation setup
- Wear tolerance
- Germination time
- Maintenance
- Shade.

Heritage Seeds' Curator turf and lawn range has been specifically designed to suit variations in the Australian climate. Each blend has been developed to meet specific purposes including home lawns, shaded and drought affected areas, nature strips, landscaped regions, sports fields and soil erosion control. Each mix contains high quality seed with a minimum of 85% germination rates, providing the assurance you're receiving the highest genetic and physical quality.

The Curator range is available in 25kg and 5kg pack sizes for convenience.

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SPORTSFIELD

CURATOR QUALITY TURF

This blend has been designed specifically for use on sportsfields. This fine leaf ryegrass blend has fast germination complemented with high wear and recovery characteristics. It can be used for permanent cool season grounds or to oversow couch fields for winter wear.

SPECIES	%
Continental turf type ryegrass	70
Intermediate turf ryegrass	30
Sow at 3-4kg /100m ²	

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HARDWEARING CURATOR QUALITY TURF

A tough blend designed to last under harsh weather conditions and rugged use. Hardwearing blend germinates and establishes quickly and is highly recommended for high wear situations such as children's play areas and general back and front yards.

SPECIES	%
Perennial ryegrass	86
Chewings fescue	5
Kentucky bluegrass	5
Highland bentgrass	4
Contains starter fertiliser. Sow at 3-4kg /100m ²	



VILLAGE GREEN CURATOR QUALITY TURF

Village Green is a rapid establishing, hard wearing and economical all-purpose blend. It is suited to all lawns, nature strips, parklands and for general erosion control. It combines the ease of establishment with management, to make an all-purpose blend for any season. Perfectly suited to landscapers for fast results on disturbed areas.

SPECIES	%
Perennial ryegrass	50
Annual ryegrass	45
Creeping red fescue	2
Kentucky bluegrass	2
Bentgrass	1
Sow at 3-4kg /100m ²	



SUN AND SHADE

GURATOR QUALITY TURF

A blend selected for shade tolerance where other varieties may struggle. Produces a fine, low growing lawn that cuts to a dense swath with dark green colour. It is also suitable for sunny areas. An ideal blend for garden areas with part or full shade, requiring a fine looking lawn.



SPECIES	%
Turf type ryegrass	50
Chewings fescue	50
Contains starter fertiliser. Sow at 3-4kg /100m ²	

PARKS BLEND

GURATOR QUALITY TURF

Parks blend is highly recommended for medium to large spaces requiring a nice dark green lawn. A durable blend for fine leaf lawns/turf producing a fast establishing, quality turf surface.



SPECIES	%
Turf type ryegrass	90
Chewings fescue	5
Kentucky bluegrass	5
Contains starter fertiliser. Sow at 3-4kg /100m ²	

TURF BLEND

CURATOR QUALITY TURF

A dark green deep rooted, disease tolerant blend. It has good wear tolerance and suits most soil types. An ideal choice for home lawns. Turf blend is also suitable for oversowing or patching up fescue based laid-sod lawns.

SPECIES	%
Turf type tall fescue	90
Kentucky bluegrass	10
Contains starter fertiliser. Sow at 3-4kg /100m ²	



FINE FESCUE TRUFFLE MIX

CURATOR QUALITY TURF

This blend contains 100% fine fescues and has been designed for low growing, low maintenance areas. With its short stature and shade tolerance, it is suitable for sites that require minimal inputs, and reduced mowing frequency such as trufferies, some orchard groves and vineyard situations, cemeteries and grass airstrips.

SPECIES	%
Creeping red fescue	40
Hard or sheep's fescue	30
Chewings fescue	30
Sow at 1.5-2.5 kg /100m ²	



PLANTATION INTER-ROW BLEND

CURATOR QUALITY TURF

Curator plantation blend is a winter active, semi summer dormant interrow blend. It is specifically designed for plantation seeding including vineyards and orchards. It has winter growth and recovery providing wear tolerance for plantation machinery. Extreme drought tolerance provides a long term stand that won't require reseeding.

SPECIES	%
Prosper winter active tall fescue	60
Rohan SPR ryegrass	20
Turf type tall fescue	20
Sow at 0.5-1.5kg /100m ²	



INTER-LOW MOW BLEND

CURATOR QUALITY TURF

Curator inter-low mow is ideal for situations requiring minimal maintenance. This blend has improved drought tolerance and lower mowing requirements, making it perfectly suited to berry farms, vineyard inter-rows, cemeteries and industrial or estate situations that require infrequent maintenance once established.

SPECIES	%
Barrobusto turf tall fescue	80
Chewings fescue	10
Hard fescue	10
Sow at 1.5-2.5kg /100m ²	

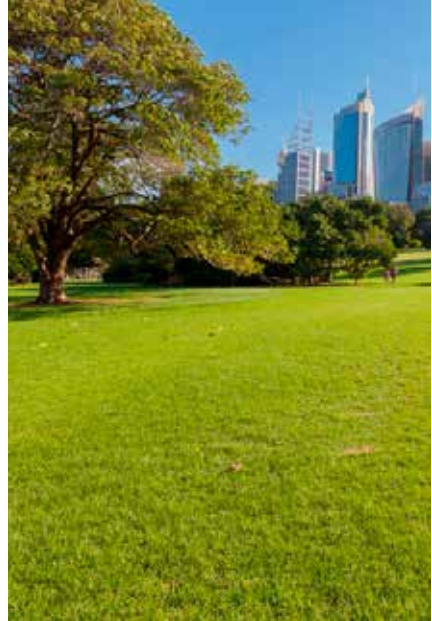


SUPER-TUFF KIKUYU

CURATOR QUALITY TURF

Super-Tuff Kikuyu is an economical blend of turf Kikuyu with the added benefits of a companion grass. This dual action blend offers the homeowner fast establishment of ryegrass plus the long-term persistence and water-saving features of Kikuyu.

SPECIES	%
Perennial ryegrass	75
AgriCote Kikuyu	25
Contains starter fertiliser. Sow at 3-4kg /100m ²	



SUPER-TUFF COUCH

CURATOR QUALITY TURF

Super-Tuff couch is an economical blend of couch (Bermudagrass) with the added benefits of a companion grass. This dual action blend offers the homeowner or turf manager the fast establishment of ryegrass plus long-term persistence, water-saving and fine textured features of couch.

SPECIES	%
Perennial ryegrass	75
AgriCote couch (Bermudagrass)	25
Contains starter fertiliser. Sow at 3-4kg /100m ²	



C4 REHAB

CURATOR QUALITY TURF

C4 rehab blend is a combination of drought tolerant AgriCote Bermudagrass, and dependent on season, includes millet (summer) or ryegrass (winter) for seasonal rehabilitation. The C4 rehab blend is designed to provide long term Bermudagrass cover and short term protection/erosion control with the inclusion of millet or ryegrass. A multi-purpose blend for use in reclamation and roadside/open space situations.

Summer

SPECIES	%
Millet	50
AgriCote couch (Bermudagrass)	50

Winter

SPECIES	%
Perennial ryegrass	50
AgriCote couch (Bermudagrass)	50
Both seasonal varieties sow at 1-3 kg /100m ²	



C4 LAWN

CURATOR QUALITY TURF

The C4 lawn blend is a combination of drought tolerant AgriCote Bermudagrass and quick establishing ryegrass for autumn/winter applications. The C4 lawn blend is designed to provide long term Bermudagrass cover, providing fast establishing dark green winter cover with the inclusion of turf perennial ryegrass. Suitable for lawn mixes during the autumn/winter period.

SPECIES	%
Turf type ryegrass	50
AgriCote couch (Bermudagrass)	50
Sow at 1-3kg /100m ²	



STARTING A NEW LAWN

Lawn seed is a prime example of “you get what you pay for”, all Heritage Seeds turf mixes use quality seed products which have a minimum germination rate of 85%. Cheaper options often contain components that are only included to keep the price down. This can impact the overall result with the cheaper components lacking the quality and germination level required for a successful lawn. Below are some guidelines to help you establish your new lawn.

PREPARATION

Successful lawn establishment requires a fine, well prepared seedbed free of weeds and other obstructions.

- Remove all weeds and other grass types with a broad spectrum herbicide and leave for 10-14 days to ensure that all weeds have been killed.
- Remove any lumps, rocks, rubbish and plant material.
- Loosen the soil to a depth of 8cm and make the surface as even as possible avoiding humps and hollows where water will sit.
- Install watering and/or drainage systems at this stage.
- Sandy soil will require organic matter and clay soil will require gypsum.
- A new house site may have very little topsoil and this may need topsoil to be added.



SOWING TIMES

Spring and autumn are ideal times to plant lawn seed as there is usually adequate moisture and warm temperatures.

- Sow the seed at the rate recommended on the Curator seed container.
- Seed should be broadcast on the surface and then raked lightly into the soil providing good seed to soil contact, a lawn starter fertiliser should be incorporated at this time.
- Keep some seed in reserve to patch up any areas that were missed or get damaged while the lawn is establishing.
- Keep soil damp as germinating lawn seed should not be allowed to dry out for long periods.
- Avoid the very cold and hot dry months particularly if water restrictions are in place.



WATERING

Keep the soil moist at all times while the seed is germinating. Especially in the first five days it may be necessary to water for short periods several times a day if it is hot and dry.

- Once the lawn has started to grow, water daily and then reduce watering as the lawn becomes established.
- It is better to water deeply once or twice a week to encourage deeper root growth than to sprinkle daily which will cause shallow rooting that will not sustain the lawn during drier periods.
- A wetting agent additive will help with water and nutrient retention.
- Do not water in the heat of the day and avoid night watering as this may encourage fungal diseases.
- Early morning or late afternoon are good times.



MOWING

Getting the mowing right for new lawns will help set up your lawn for the future.

- Mow new lawns when the grass is 8-10cm high taking off only the top one third of the plant.
- Young grass can be damaged by close mowing.
- Do not mow when the grass and ground are damp and be careful not to drag the mower around corners as this can pull out the young plants.
- For established lawns no more than one third of the leaf should be removed each time, also increasing the mower height can allow the root system of the grass to develop and maintain grass density.
- Let the length of the grass determine when it is time to mow.



FERTILISING

The best time to fertilise is generally before a period of good rainfall in autumn and spring, however it is best to follow the instruction of the fertiliser supplier. For further advice contact your local distributor.



“ I have worked on golf courses for 26 years and owned my mowing business for 13 years. I have turfed a lot of lawns and seeded and textured many as well. Seeing the quality of lawns seeded with Heritage Seeds’ Curator turf range has opened my eyes up to the performance and texture of grasses available. My clients are amazed with the coverage and great look to their houses and gardens. I certainly recommend the Curator range to all my clients for their lawn seeding.

CHARLES BALDWIN, C&D MOWING
TOCUMWAL, NSW

CURATOR ATTRIBUTES CHART

	SPORTSFIELD	HARDWEARING	SUN & SHADE	TURF BLEND	PARKS BLEND
Contains 10% starter fertiliser	no	yes	yes	yes	yes
Establishment speed	fast	very fast	medium/fast	medium	medium/fast
Wear/tear and self-repair	very good	good	fair-good	very good	good
Ornamental effect	good	fair	excellent	very good	very good
Mowing frequency	moderate	high	low - moderate	low - moderate	moderate
Frost-sensitive	no	no	no	no	no
Drought tolerance	fair	fair - moderate	moderate	good	fair
Sow rates/100m²	3-4 kg	3-4 kg	3-4 kg	3-4 kg	3-4 kg
Sandy soil	yes	no	possibly	yes	no
Heavier clay soil	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Ideal sowing times	March - June ideal and spring	Year round - Autumn and spring	Autumn and spring	Autumn and spring	Autumn and spring
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FINE FESCUE TRUFFLE MIX	PLANTATION INTER-RW	INTER-LOW MOW BLEND	VILLAGE GREEN	SUPER-TUFF KIKUYU	SUPER-TUFF COUCH	C4 REHAB/ LAWN
no	no	no	no	yes	yes	no
slow	fast	medium	very fast	medium	medium	fast
good	good	good	good	summer good	summer good	good
very good	medium	good	fair	fair	fair	fair
very low	moderate in winter	low	high	higher in summer	mod - high in summer	moderate
no	no	no	no	moderate	moderate	yes
good	excellent	medium	fair	good	good	excellent
1.5-2.5 kg	0.5-1.5kg	1.5-2.5 kg	3-4 kg	3-4 kg	3-4 kg	1-3 kg
yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes
yes	yes	yes	yes	possibly	yes	yes
Early autumn and spring	March - June ideal and spring	March - mid May ideal and spring	Avoid summer	Spring and mid summer	Spring and mid summer	Year round
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