

Bee Lawn Seed Mixture Components

23.5% Creeping Red Fescue

23% Chewings Fescue

23% Hard Fescue

23% Sheep Fescue

4.5% White Clover

0.7% Creeping Thyme

2.3% Self-Heal



**SEEDING RATE: 5 lbs. per
1000 sq ft**

Bee Lawn Recourses:

Bee Lab

www.beelab.umn.edu

Bee Squad

www.beelab.umn.edu/bee-squad

Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources: Residential Pollinator habitat

For more information on how to purchase the Bee Lawn Seed Mixture, please contact us at Twin City Seed Company!

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Introduction

Traditionally, home lawns, city parks, and commercial properties have always desired an aesthetically pleasing turf grass stand with one to four species. Presently there has been a movement from the traditional lawn towards a flowering lawn for the preservation of Bees native to Minnesota. We've seen a pollinator decline in recent years due to loss of forage, reckless use of pesticides, and the introduction of pest and diseases not native to North America. This flowering lawn gives homeowners a chance to help and give pollinating insects a food source, and it starts with the Bee Lawn Seed Mixture.

Benefits

- ⇒ **Improved lawn resilience**
- ⇒ **A naturally diverse lawn**
- ⇒ **Valuable to bees and other pollinator species**
- ⇒ **Low maintenance**
- ⇒ **Tolerant to shade**

Be Bee Friendly!

Lawns to Legumes grant program

State lawmakers in Minnesota have set aside \$900,000 for pollinators in 2020 to assist homeowners in converting their lawn into a "Bee Lawn." For more information on this contact the state Board of Water and Soil Resources.

The Right Time to Plant

Spring, Fall, or Dormant

The best time for planting is late summer to early fall. It's the best time for germination, less competition with annual weeds, and gives the plants the longest time to mature before the summer stresses.

Installation

Overseeding (Interseeding)

- Mow the existing lawn very short (scalping) to allow sunlight to reach the soil.
- Overseed with a broadcast spreader to distribute the seed.

New Seeding

Removal of existing lawn

- Digging your lawn up with a heavy-duty tiller or a sod cutter.

Preparation of Soil

- Till the soil to a depth of 6 to 8 inches
- Improve soil texture
 - Clay soils, add organic matter and sand
 - Sandy soils, add organic matter like compost, peat moss, or manure.
 - Till again

- Apply an organic starter fertilizer
- Level the soil surface

Seeding

- Spread the seed using a broadcast or drop seed spreader.

- Rake in or tamp in the seed. This will give the seed good "seed to soil" contact.
- Mulch or blanket for best results. This will hold in moisture for longer periods of time.

Watering

The most critical step for establishment success. You need to keep the ground moist until the seedlings are up and established (2 to 3 inches tall). Use a method of frequent light watering, not once a day drenching.

Post Establishment Management

Mowing frequency: once a week to once biweekly.

Mowing Height: 3 inches

LIMIT HERBICIDE and INSECTICIDE USAGE! Herbicides and Insecticides will damage your flowering plants and pollinating insects.

No need to add Nitrogen by fertilizing the soil. The clover will fixate Nitrogen in soils.



White Clover



Creeping Thyme



Self-Heal