

# Planting Your Eco-Friendly Lawn Alternative Seed Mix



**Seeding Timing:** Install in the spring when daytime temperatures are getting warmer and nights are still cool. This is typically between April and early June. In the late summer, cooler days and nights will help the seeds to establish. This is typically late August through September. If installing in the summer months, a plan for repetitive watering will likely be necessary.



**Planting Site:** Sow the seed into a prepared seed bed, lightly rake it in, and cover the areas lightly with a clean and weed-free straw. These mixes can be over seeded into an existing lawn as well as to enhance it and add these species in. If possible, lightly roll the seeded area with a lawn roller or tractor tires to help get good seed to soil contact. Water the seed in at installation and after that if there is no rain in the forecast. Watering in the early mornings and evenings is best. If needed, watering should continue until the plants reach heights of at least 6 inches.



**Maintenance:** Watering is important for these mixes. Water after installation and each day or every other day without rain to help the species in the mixes grow. Watering should continue until the plants reach a height of 6 inches. Refrain from mowing until the new plants reach a height of approx. 6 inches. If you start to notice yellowing of the plants, stop watering as you may be watering too much. After established, mow as needed to meet your objectives. You can also use a weed eater to just clip the tops of some of the taller plants.

