

ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF LAWN SEED BLENDS

Here at Intelligro we sell a mixture of grass types and cultivars. We are particularly proud of our own Intelligro Green Lines Lawn Seed range, which is blended to suit our conditions. When choosing a lawn seed there are several points to consider. One of the main choices is to buy a single cultivar or a blend of cultivars. Blends can make a great choice for a lawn but it can be a little confusing to work out the pros and cons and what they do. To make that choice a little easier we can help you with a little information around lawn seed blends.

ADVANTAGES OF A LAWN SEED MIX

- Blends typically contain a variety of grass species and cultivars to suit a range of conditions. Each cultivar has its own growth habits that suit different conditions.
- Lawn blends can be formulated for sun or shade exposure, soil type, or climate. Different blends can provide for different parts of your property eg: sunny middle and shady edges.
- Lawn seed blends are often more cost-effective than cultivars and great for larger lawns.
- It can help your lawn better withstand disease, pests, and environmental stressors with a mix of lawn types. If one cultivar fails to thrive, another one in the mix may thrive.
- Lawn seed blends can be chosen for high traffic tolerance, ideal for back yards with kids and pets. Each cultivar has different wear tolerance and one in the blend may suit a high traffic area.
- A lawn seed blend can increase the biodiversity of your lawn by promoting the growth of multiple types of grass, which can in turn support a wider range of insects and other wildlife.
- A blend can give you an extended growing season meaning your lawn stays green in cold winter and hot summer conditions, with cultivars that do well in either extreme.

DISADVANTAGES OF A LAWN SEED MIX

- They may not provide the level of control over specific grass cultivars that some homeowners want. As the seed is blended it is difficult to manage just one of the cultivars.
- A lawn seed blend may not provide the desired uniform appearance that some homeowners prefer. There may be patches of one cultivar that has outgrown the other rather than a blended appearance.
- They may grow at different rates, giving an uneven lawn. Each cultivar has its own growth rate and if not reasonably compatible you may need to mow more often for a faster growing cultivar.
- Different grasses may require different types of maintenance, making it more difficult to care for the lawn. Some grasses can't be cut low while some do better low, a blend should have compatible cutting requirements.