



# Kentucky Bluegrass

Ashland, (a new variety from Vista Seed Partners) is dark green, with medium density and is medium textured, with very good turf quality and wear tolerance as demonstrated in many trials across the U.S. It was developed at the Jacklin / Simplot Research Station and tested as J-1171. It is an excellent performer under summer stress, and will persist well under demanding turf conditions. It has excellent winter hardiness and is recommended throughout the normal areas using Kentucky bluegrass. Ashland is a lower growing cultivar that requires less frequent mowing than many other bluegrasses.

## Usage:

Ashland is recommended for use wherever a premium quality Kentucky bluegrass turf is needed. It can be cut down to 1.25 inch, and is suitable for golf course roughs. It can be used in sod blends, on sports turf, in parks and on quality home lawns. Compared to many varieties, Ashland has fairly good adaptation to shady conditions. Ashland can also be mixed (use 5-10% seed by weight) with improved varieties of turf type tall fescue.

## Disease Resistance:

Ashland has demonstrated good to very good resistance to Leaf Spot, Melting Out, Summer Patch, Dollar Spot, Brown Patch, Rusts and Powdery Mildew. The overall disease resistance is enhanced when blended with other compatible varieties of bluegrass or when mixed with high quality fine fescues or turf type perennial ryegrass.

## Seeding and Establishment:

A seeding rate of 2-4 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. is recommended. The soil incorporation of a pre-plant fertilizer, based on a soil test, is very helpful in establishment. Generally, incorporating 1 to 1-1/2 lbs. of actual NPK per 1000 sq. ft. is recommended to ensure a quick start. Light, frequent irrigation or natural rainfall is necessary to encourage rapid germination and establishment. Under good late summer and early fall conditions, germination and seedling emergence can be expected within 6-12 days after planting. First mowing is recommended when the turf is 1/2 to 3/4 inch over the desired permanent cutting height.

## Management:

Ashland is a versatile variety and can adapt to higher levels of management, or to middle and lower maintenance regimes as well. For the best quality turf, timely fertilization and irrigation are recommended. About 1/2 lb. of actual N per month of growing season is recommended, but higher and lower amounts of N can be tolerated. The recommended cutting height ranges from 1.25 to 3".

## Features

- Excellent winter hardiness
- Medium leaf texture
- Very good turf quality
- Very good wear resistance
- Lower growing

## Primary Disease Resistances

- Leaf Spot
- Melting Out
- Summer Patch
- Dollar Spot
- Brown Patch
- Rusts
- Powdery Mildew

## Uses

- Sod Blends
- Sports Turf
- Parks
- Home Lawns

## Seeding Rates

- **New Turf**  
2-4 lbs/1,000 sq ft

## Mow Height

- Recommended - 2 in
- Max - 3 in
- Min - 1.5 in



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