

Zigzag

Turf Type Tall Fescue

Zigzag (tested as EPW-16), is a persistent, endophyte enhanced variety that is well adapted to hot summers, lower fertility soils, shade, and tough use situations. It was selected from spreading plants exhibiting rhizome production. It has an attractive darker green color, medium leaf texture and has good summer performance and stress tolerance. Zigzag is persistent, can be mowed down to 1.5 inches and has excellent drought tolerance. It is a medium height variety with a typical turf tall fescue growth rate.

Adaptation:

Zigzag is recommended wherever a good quality tall fescue with spreading potential is called for. It is well adapted to low fertility situations and tolerates acid soils as well as higher pH soils and shady conditions very well. It is recommended for lawns, parks, golf course roughs and for sod production. Zigzag can be blended with other improved varieties of turf type tall fescue and also mixes well with broader leafed varieties of Bluegrass such as Baron and Thermalblue.

Disease Resistance and Stress Tolerance:

Oregon turf trials have demonstrated the broad overall disease resistance and stress tolerance of Zigzag. It has fair to good resistance to Pythium and Brown Patch. It also has good resistance to leaf spot and stem rust. It has good tolerance to both acidic and alkaline soils. Zigzag performed well in high traffic trials.

Establishment:

Recommended seeding times are early to mid spring (good) or late summer to early fall (best). A seeding rate of 6 – 10 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. is recommended for new plantings. For overseeding existing turf a rate of 3 – 5 lbs / 1000 sq ft is best. Normally seedlings will emerge in 7 – 12 days after planting and the first mowing can be expected in 3 – 5 weeks.

Management:

Like most tall fescues, Zigzag is a lower fertility grass and performs well with Nitrogen applications ranging from 2 – 5 lbs. actual N per 1000 sq ft per year. Soil testing is recommended, but yearly P and K applications at half the N amount are usually best. Fall fertilization is recommended. A mowing height between 1.5 – 3.5 inches is ideal but somewhat lower and higher cutting heights can also be tolerated well.

Features

- Excellent heat resistance
- Genetic history of rhizome production
- Endophyte enhanced
- High density
- Shade tolerant
- High traffic recovery
- Low soil fertility adaptation
- Acidic and Alkaline soil adaptation

Primary Pest and Disease Resistances

- Brown patch resistance
- Pythium resistance

Uses

- Lawns
- Parks
- Golf course roughs
- Sod production

Seeding Rates

- **New Turf**
6-10 lbs/1,000 sq ft
- **Overseeding**
3-5 lbs/1,000 sq ft

Mow Height

- **Recommended** - 2 in
- **Max** - 3.5 in
- **Min** - 5/8 in



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