



# Kentucky Bluegrass

Tumalo is dark green, medium dense variety, with good to excellent turf quality and wear tolerance as demonstrated in the extensive testing it has undergone. It was developed at Pure Seed Testing (tested as K8-60) and has been licensed to Vista Seed Partners. It is an excellent summer performer under summer stress, and will persist indefinitely under demanding turfgrass conditions. Tumalo is a lower growing cultivar that requires less frequent mowing than many other bluegrasses. It has excellent heat and drought tolerance as shown in California and North Carolina trials.

## Usage:

Tumalo is recommended for use wherever a premium/top quality Kentucky bluegrass turf is needed. It can be cut to 5/8 inch, and is suitable for some golf course fairways and roughs. It can be used in sod blends, on sports turf, in parks and on high quality home lawns. Compared to many varieties, Tumalo has fairly good adaptation to shady conditions. It mixes well with other turf species such as perennial ryegrass, fine fescue and tall fescue.

## Disease Resistance:

It is unusual to find the overall disease resistance that Tumalo possesses. It has demonstrated good to very good resistance to Leaf Spot, Melting Out, Summer Patch diseases, Dollar Spot, Leaf, Stem and Crown Rusts and Powdery Mildew. Although variety blending is recommended, the overall disease resistance is good enough, that it is a variety that can be planted straight and does not always have to be blended with other varieties.

## Seeding:

Vista Seed Partners recommends a seeding rate of 2-4 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. The soil incorporation of a pre-plant fertilizer, based on a soil test, is recommended. Generally, incorporating 1 to 1-1/2 lbs. of actual NPK per 1000 sq. ft. is helpful to ensure a quick start. Light, frequent irrigation is recommended when necessary to encourage rapid germination and establishment. Tumalo has very good seedling vigor (Scoring an 8 in OR trials). Under good late summer and early fall conditions, germination and seedling emergence can be expected within 7-14 days after planting.

## Management:

Tumalo 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 easily be tolerated. The recommended cutting height ranges from 5/8 to 3 inches.

## Features

- Low growing
- Excellent summer stress resistance
- Medium-fine leaf texture
- Very dark green color
- Very good turf quality
- Very good wear resistance

## Primary Disease Resistances

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

## Uses

- Sod Blends
- Sports Turf
- Home Lawns
- Golf course fairway
- Golf course rough

## 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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