

MOWING NATIVE BENTGRASS™ AREAS

California native grasses are being used more and more as Eco-friendly lawn alternatives

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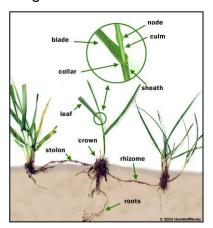
NATIVE BENTGRASS™

Our lawns have become a major player in our eco-system. Landscaping with DELTA BLUEGRASS peat sod is a wise environmental decision. California Native turf generates oxygen for the atmosphere and cleans the air of toxic gaseous pollutants.

Native Bentgrass™ is the industry's first choice for native lawn areas.

- Maintained at 1 ½ to 2 inch mowing height provides an exceptional playing surface.
- Mowing height has a lot to do with the overall health of your lawn.
- NEVER remove more than 1/3 of the leaf blade per mow cycle.

To best understand what defines a LEAF BLADE please examine the following plant diagram.



Cutting the leaf blade involves the part of the plant that grows above the crown. Removing more than 1/3 can damage the plant and cause it to die back and thus taking several weeks or longer to make a recovery. Our Native Bentgrass™ has both rhizomes and stolons. A rhizome is an underground plant stem that is capable of producing the shoot and stem of a new plant. Stolons are shoots that grow horizontally above the ground and produce roots. This process can raise the crown of the plant and significantly affect the mowing height. If you wish to maintain a playable surface it is essential that you consistently mow the area to the preferred height.

The use of a "mulching lawn mower" is a responsible environmental practice. Grasscycling is the natural recycling of grass by leaving clippings on the lawn when mowed. Mulched clippings will quickly decompose, returning valuable nutrients to the soil. Grasscycling saves time, money and protects the environment by reducing the amount of yard waste disposed of in our landfills. Mow areas when turf is dry. When using a non-mulching mower, break up any clumps of clippings left behind to avoid yellowing of the turf. As weather conditions change the plant growth will begin to slow and mowing heights can be gradually dropped. Throughout the fall keep leaves from surrounding trees and shrubs from accumulating and smothering the grass.

Keep mower blades well sharpened for the best cut. A dull blade tears at the grass which can weaken the turfs ability to fight off pests and disease. Sharpen blades a minimum of twice a year.



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