

THE TURF COMPANY

The Leading Producer of Water Efficient Turf Grass™

RTF® (Rhizomatous Tall Fescue)

The most unique characteristic of RTF® that sets it aside from all other turf type tall fescues is the growth response that allows this grass to spread laterally, filling in bare spots, constantly repairing and thickening itself. Thick dense plant tissue will have narrower leaf blades due to increased plant competition for the same space.

The “Rhizomatous” mixture of Dwarf Turf Type Tall Fescue grasses was developed from selections of forage and pasture grasses that exhibit durability and strength. Plant breeders substantially modified this turf grass through hybridization and other techniques to produce a very desirable ornamental turf grass. These grasses exhibit excellent traffic tolerance and deep root systems down to six feet. RTF® will extract water and soil nutrients from deep into the soil profile. Research at Kentucky State University proves that Turf Type Tall Fescues such as RTF® can provide equal turf grass quality on 35-40% less water during an entire irrigation season. Other evidence supports that drought tolerance of Turf Type Tall Fescue is very strong due to the deep root system. A dark genetic green color has been developed into this rugged grass species. Certain varieties selected for the RTF® mixture exhibit early spring green-up and good late fall color as well as shade tolerance.

RTF® has a high tolerance for the abusive conditions of the summer heat and intense sunlight in the intermountain west. It does not enter into a semi dormant condition and loose color in July and August as Kentucky bluegrass does. This species was selected by plant breeders due to its disease and insect resistance, the rugged, durable characteristics and survivability under severe conditions of heat, drought, poor soils, salt and shade. Maintenance costs for RTF® are lower than Kentucky bluegrass by 30-40%, again due to lower fertilizer requirements of the plant and its natural abilities to ward off disease and insects. See the Endophyte brochure or www.turfcompany.com.

Most recently, plant breeders have been able to refine the leaf texture of the turf type tall fescues and other species selected for the RTF® mixture until they equal that of other long accepted ornamental turf grasses. Since the first turf type tall fescue entered the marketplace, some 30 years ago, the number of varieties available has increased to approximately 200 with many more being tested. Another recent development has been a slower rate of growth during cool weather, which requires mowing less frequently than comparative turf grasses.

You will continue to hear more about these unique species of turf grass in trade journals, from people who are encouraging conservative water use and from those who recognize the common sense values of these plant characteristics in the landscape. For more information, go to www.aboutRTF.com.

RTF®:

Water Conserving	Disease and Insect Resistant	Deep Root System (4-6Ft.)
Shade Tolerant	Great Summer Color in High Heat	Dwarf (Slower Growing in
Traffic Tolerant	Adaptable to Low Quality Soils	Cool Months)
Drought Tolerant	Medium Leaf Width (Comparable	Dark Genetic Green Color
Dense and Thick	to Bluegrass)	

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