

TX TURF & SEED • HYDROSEEDING

FESCUE LAWN CARE GUIDE

Festuca spp.

COOL-SEASON GRASS | TEXAS LAWN CARE

WATERING • GROWTH • MOWING • SEASONAL TIPS

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Thank you for choosing TX Turf & Seed Hydroseeding. This guide explains how to care for your new fescue lawn as it germinates and becomes established. Use it with the specific instructions provided for your property.

Your seed variety, soil, slope, irrigation coverage, sunlight, and Texas weather all affect results. For best results, follow the project-specific plan from your hydroseeding provider.

01 | WATERING YOUR NEW LAWN

The goal during germination is consistent moisture at the soil surface. Keep the seeded area moist without washing away mulch or seed, creating puddles, or leaving soil waterlogged. Use a gentle spray.

A practical watering approach

- During germination, keep the seeded surface evenly moist with gentle watering. Seedbeds can dry quickly, especially in sun, wind, and warm weather.
- Fescue is generally a cool-season grass. In much of Texas, fall is often a more favorable establishment period because temperatures are cooler.
- Once seedlings are up and roots begin to develop, gradually transition toward deeper, less frequent watering as recommended. Do not let young seedlings dry out during this transition.

Watering do's and don'ts

DO	AVOID
Check moisture and adjust for sun, wind, heat, and rain.	Using one fixed schedule when conditions change.
Use gentle, even irrigation across the seeded area.	Strong streams, runoff, standing water, or washing mulch downhill.
Follow the instructions provided for your project.	Letting seed dry out or keeping the soil constantly saturated.

Texas weather reminder: Heat, wind, and heavy rain can quickly change moisture needs. Check the lawn regularly and avoid creating runoff.

02 | GROWTH & ESTABLISHMENT

Fescue is a cool-season grass. It generally establishes more comfortably during cooler weather than during the hottest part of a Texas summer. Germination speed varies by fescue type, soil temperature, moisture, and site conditions.

STAGE	WHAT TO EXPECT
Early days	Mulch and soil may be visible. Protect the surface and maintain moisture.
Germination	Sprouts may appear unevenly; seed type and conditions affect timing.
Filling in	Grass gradually thickens. Continue care and limit traffic.
Establishment	Roots strengthen and watering can gradually transition as recommended.

03 | MOWING & EVERYDAY CARE

- Wait until grass is rooted and tall enough for the recommended mowing height for your fescue variety. Avoid mowing when soil is soft or seedlings may be pulled up.
- Fescue is often maintained taller than bermudagrass. Follow the variety-specific recommendation, keep blades sharp, and avoid removing more than about one-third of the grass blade at a time.
- Limit heavy foot traffic, pets, and equipment while the lawn establishes, especially when soil is wet or seedlings are small.
- Do not apply fertilizer or weed-control products until the product and timing are confirmed as safe for newly seeded fescue.

04 | SEASONAL TIPS FOR TEXAS

- Fall is often the preferred time to establish fescue in much of Texas. Local conditions and the specific fescue type still matter.
- Fescue can struggle during prolonged Texas heat, particularly in exposed sunny areas. Variety, shade, and irrigation affect summer performance.
- During hot weather, avoid letting the seedbed dry out during germination, but do not overwater or create standing water.
- Some fescue varieties tolerate partial shade better than bermudagrass, but dense shade can still limit growth.

05 | QUICK TROUBLESHOOTING

Why hasn't my fescue sprouted yet?

Temperature, seed variety, moisture, and seed-to-soil contact affect timing. Check your project instructions before changing the watering plan.

Can fescue handle Texas summers?

Fescue can be challenged by prolonged heat, particularly in exposed sunny areas. Variety, shade, irrigation, and site conditions affect performance.

Should I water fescue the same way as bermudagrass?

Not necessarily. Establishment depends on seed type, season, soil, and weather. Follow the instructions for your specific project.

Can fescue grow in shade?

Some fescue varieties tolerate partial shade, but performance depends on light, soil moisture, and local conditions. Dense shade may still limit growth.

06 | YOUR LAWN CARE CHECKLIST

Use this checklist during the establishment period.

- I reviewed the watering instructions for my specific project.
- I checked that irrigation covers sunny, shaded, sloped, and exposed areas.
- I adjust watering for rainfall, wind, and temperature.
- I keep unnecessary foot traffic, pets, and equipment off the seeded area.
- I will mow only when the lawn is rooted and ready.
- I will confirm timing before applying fertilizer or weed-control products.
- I will contact my provider if I see major washout, standing water, or unusual lack of progress.

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR NEW LAWN?

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Contact us for project-specific guidance and to discuss your lawn's progress.

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Important: This guide provides general information and does not replace instructions for your specific seed blend and property. Grass variety, soil, slope, irrigation, season, and weather affect care. Follow your provider's instructions and local water-use rules.