

Improved Kikuyugrass

Kikuyugrass is a low growing, warm season perennial grass native to tropical Africa. It spreads vigorously by both rhizomes and stolons, and will thrive in a wide range of soils.

Kikuyu exhibits exceptional drought, disease, salt, insect, and wear tolerance with rapid recovery rate, and low maintenance. It displays good reception to winter temperatures, especially along the coast. When compared to bermudagrass, kikuyu demonstrates much better winter color and seldom goes completely dormant, eliminating the need to overseed. It also has a quicker green-up rate than bermuda.

Because of its invasive characteristics, kikuyugrass is listed as a Federal Noxious Weed, however it is sold and produced in California, Arizona, and Texas with certain restrictions.

In many cases, particularly on golf courses, common kikuyu has been a dominant turfgrass species.

Rather than implement an eradication program, turf managers have developed maintenance programs to encourage successful kikuyu development.

For use on low maintanence areas on golf courses, and erosion control.

West Coast Kukuyugrass at a Glance:

- Warm season grass (not for cold or high elevations).
- Vigorous grower.
- Drought tolerant.
- Moderate shade tolerance.
- Medium blade.
- Holds color in winter months.

Features and Benefits

Color

• Medium-green.

Texture

• Coarse.

Performance

- Drought, disease, insect, salt and wear tolerant.
- Rapid recovery rate.
- Tolerant to winter temperatures.
- Good winter color.
- Quicker green-up rate than bermudagrass.
- Low, dense growing.
- Produces quick cover.
- Low maintenance.
- Drought tolerant.
- Upright growth provides an excellent lie for golf.
- Moderate shade tolerance.

Climate

• Thrives in warm to hot climates USDA zones 7-11.

Shade Tolerance

• Moderate.

Mowing

• 1" to 3" with reel at 1" and rotary at 3".



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West Coast Turf removes kikuyugrass from Lake San Marcos golf course.





It was later installed at Torrey Pines course in preparation for the 2008 US Open.



Options

Regular sod comes in 16" x 72" long rolls with ½" of soil. Weighs approximately 45 lbs. Ideal for normal situations.

Big-roll sod is 42" x 105' long with $\frac{1}{2}$ " of soil. Weighs approximately 500 lbs. Great for large areas.

Thick-cut sod has up to a 2" soil base that provides anchorage for the sod until the roots knit to the subsoil. Ideal for renovating a sports field that needs to be back in play within a few days.

How To Specify West Coast Kikuyugrass

Available as sod only. Sod options are regular, big roll, thick-cut, or washed.

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