

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT MAKES DISCOVERY BERMUDAGRASS SO AMAZING?

Discovery Bermudagrass was initially bred in Australia and eventually brought over to the United States after being heralded for its genetic purity in the garden, dark alpine green color, and slow vertical growth. It is also a very tough, hardy turfgrass that produces an incredible lifetime lawn, landscape, sportsturf, or even golf course once established.

WHERE CAN THESE BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE LANDESCAPE?

It is very drought resistant and withstands the high temperatures very well. They are excellent in full sun or full shade. These are perfect for large or small yards, entire lawn substitutions, patios, rooftops, or those high traffic areas that are hard to grow anything. It also holds up nicely with high foot traffic.

HOW MUCH AREA DOES A TRAY FILL?

If planted approximately 8 inches apart, one tray will fill in about 22 square feet.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO BECOME ESTABLISHED?

It is a very fast growing bermudagrass and with correct growing conditions, it will normally become well-rooted in 2-3 weeks. Once rooted it will begin to spread quickly, and producing full ground coverage in approximately 6-9 months.

HOW OFTEN DO I MOW IT?

Once established, the desired length is completely up to you. However, we suggest keeping grass at around 1-1.5". In the warm summer months that generally means mowing once every 3-4 weeks and in the cooler season mowing once every 2-3 months. If you normally mow your grass 50 times a year, you will probably now only need to mow it anywhere from 12-25 times a year depending on your desired length.

WILL DISCOVERY BERMUDAGRASS GROW ANYWHERE?

This bermudagrass will grow in USDA zones 7-11. It's a superior performing bermudagrass in the warmer regions of the country. Bella will grow in any soil type and it will retain its deep blue green color longer than many other turf selections and it will greenup more quickly in the spring. It features superior heat and drought tolerance.

FIRST THINGS FIRST...

When your plant arrives from Roberta's, remove from the shipping box immediately.

Remove netting and/or sleeve from around the tray. Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil.

If you cannot plant it into garden or larger pots within a few days, there is no need to water them yet. Place them outside if evening temperatures remain above 40F.

When ready to plant, do the job as early in the day as possible to avoid extreme soil temperatures that prevent proper water uptake from the roots. Water them in well and whisper a few words of wisdom.



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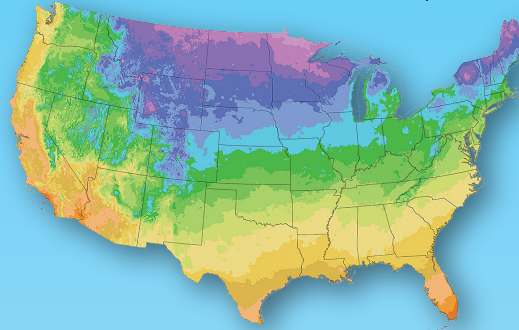
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Plant Hardiness Zone Map



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Discovery Bermudagrass



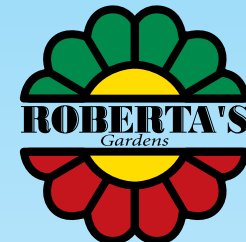
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QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Full Sun to Shade
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	7 - 11
PLANT TYPE	Perennial
PLANTING DISTANCE:	6-12 inches
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	3-4 inches 12-15 inches around
BLOOM TIME:	N/A
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS:	Remove netting and/or sleeve from around the tray. Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil. If you cannot plant it into garden or larger pots within a few days, there is no need to water them yet. Place them outside if evening temperatures remain above 40F.
<small>(soil preparation, depth, which end is up, etc.)</small>	

PLANTING GUIDE

1
STEP

Water the grass plugs thoroughly upon receiving. If you cannot plant them within a few days make sure they stay well watered.

2
STEP

Prepare your soil by tilling the soil at a depth of 3-4 inches then water the area and rake to an even grade when dry. Transplant into the ground as soon as evening temperatures stay above 40F. Dig holes about 1 to 2 inches deep. If using an auger, only dig to a depth even with the crown otherwise you may need to backfill. Place them in their holes. Fill with any needed soil and pack firmly around the entire root zone. Immediately after planting, thoroughly soak the newly planted grass.

3
STEP

Keep saturated until rhizomes have rooted to the soil, usually in 7-14 days. Water well every day for the first 2-3 weeks. Do not let water pond. Discovery will root faster with the cool temperatures in the spring and slower with the higher summer temperatures.

4
STEP

Continue to water frequently to keep the plugs actively growing and spreading. Planted now, they will provide ground coverage in appx. 75 to 90 days. Discovery's root system extends much deeper than other turfgrasses, reducing watering frequency once established.

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SHELF LIFE

Plant in garden immediately after the night temperatures stay above 35 degrees.

PLANT PREPARATION

Remove the tray from the box and water immediately. Place the tray in an area protected from the wind. Water the plugs and keep them moist until you are ready to plant them.

SOIL PREPARATION

If your soil is clayish amend it with a standard garden soil for adequate drainage and moisture retentiveness. Lightly water the prepared area to cool the ground. This will reduce the shock to the rhizomes and allow more rapid rooting. It is a versatile grass that will grow in sand, sandy loam, clay or peat.

GARDEN PREPARATION

Pick anywhere from a sunny to shaded area as it does well in both. These are perfect for large or small yards, entire lawn substitutions, patios, rooftops, or those high traffic areas that are hard to grow anything.

PLANTING DEPTH AND SPACING

Plant separately spacing about 6 to 12 inches apart. Dig holes about 1-2 inches deep. Place them in their holes and pack soil firmly around the roots. If using an auger, only dig to a depth even with the crown otherwise you may need to backfill using an auger. Water in well.

PLANT HEIGHT AND WIDTH

These will grow about 3 to 4 inches tall and 12 to 15 inches around. If planted 8 inches apart on center, they will cover a 22 square foot area.

WATER

Water thoroughly upon planting and continue to saturate the newly planted rhizomes until rooted (usually 7-14 days). Water thoroughly every day for the first 2-3 weeks. Do not let water pond. Once established water only as needed during all seasons. Discovery's root system extends much deeper reducing watering frequency. In drought situations, water thoroughly to recharge soil moisture, about 1 inch per week.

MOW

Mowing is important during the establishment period to encourage Discovery to spread and control weed growth. After rhizomes are firmly rooted keep area mowed at 1 to 1 1/2 inches as frequently as necessary to control weed growth. After establishment mow every 3-4 weeks during active growing season and every 2-3 months during cooler weather. Never mow more than 1/3 of blade length at one time, as this can stress the grass and cause it turn brown for a short period of time.

WEED CONTROL AND FERTILIZING

Immediately after planting, apply a fertilizer with pre-emergent weed control following the label directions. Repeat this application at 1/2 rate in 8 weeks if planted in the spring. Once established follow regular fertilizing schedule recommended for bluegrass in the spring and fall.

LIGHTING

This bermudagrass will grow in a full sunny location or in a shaded area.

GROUND COVERAGE

It will provide full ground coverage in approximately 6-9 months from planting. Bella will root faster with cool temperatures in the spring and fall and slower with the higher summer temperatures.

TEMPERATURE ZONE 7 to 11

Discovery is an ideal bermudagrass for homes in the warmer regions of the country looking to reduce the maintenance requirements of their lawn. It is very drought resistant and tolerant of high temperatures.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE



Discovery Bermuda Grass
Shipped as Shown



Lush, dark alpine green



Thick and dense growth
pattern



Performs best when kept at
1 to 1.5" tall



Rapid lateral growth for full
coverage



Discovery spreads and
establishes very quickly
in the garden



Newly planted rhizomes