



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is Captiva chinch bug resistant?

A: Yes. Captiva St. Augustine has demonstrated resistance to the Southern Chinch Bug variety found in the state of Florida. It remains to be seen how resistant Captiva is to other varieties of chinch bug.

Q: What other pests is Captiva resistant to?

A: Captiva also resists the Planthopper insect. Recent research done by Texas A&M University found that Captiva has Tropical Sod Webworm resistance in the state of Texas. This resistance was not demonstrated to be true in Florida with native Florida insect populations.

Q: How much less can I expect to mow with Captiva?

A: Generally, Captiva will need to be mowed approximately every two weeks—about 50% less than common St. Augustine. The height at which you wish to maintain Captiva, the season of the year and the rate of fertilizer will all factor into the mowing frequency. For instance, grass grows more quickly in the spring and summer months and when fertilized. Therefore, if you wish to maintain the same height year-round, you will need to mow more in the spring and immediately following fertility applications. One telling fact: Captiva is shorter at 21 days of growth than Floratam is at seven days of growth.

Q: What makes Captiva different?

A: Captiva is unique because it is the result of over 15 years of university research and development; Dr. Russell Nagata and other University of Florida researchers have developed a St Augustine that combines reduced mowing, exceptional beauty, and resistance to certain pests and diseases. Slow leaf blade growth, which reduces the need for mowing, really sets Captiva apart from other St. Augustinegrass. Not only does reduced mowing benefit the environment, but Captiva's resistance to certain pests and diseases greatly reduces the need for pesticides. With a dark green color and a smooth texture and feel, expect Captiva to be a lawn staple for the foreseeable future.



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