



America's

BERMUDAGRASS OF CHOICE™



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I successfully install/grow Celebration in shaded areas?

A: Yes. Celebration can be installed and grown in shady landscapes such as the high filtered shade of pine trees; however, Celebration does need at least 3–4 hours of daily sunlight for optimum performance. Although recent university research has rated Celebration as the most shade tolerant bermudagrass (see *Celebration Research for complete study details*), if your landscape has less than 3–4 hours of daily sunlight, you may experience a decline in the overall quality of your lawn. Shade tolerance for any turfgrass variety is dependant on several factors: the total amount of sunlight hours, the type of shade (i.e. tree, structure or filtered), the location of the turf (i.e. proximity to buildings, hardscapes or water features), soil type, fertilization, and the maintenance schedule. Before a huge investment is made in placing Celebration in a particular shaded area, a small sample or “test” plot should be planted to confirm success.



Shade Tolerant

Q: Do I need a reel mower for Celebration?

A: No. Celebration can be mowed with a rotary mower as long as the blades are maintained with a sharp cutting edge. Of course, Celebration can also be mowed with a reel mower.

Q: How cold tolerant is Celebration?

A: Celebration has good cold hardiness and excellent frost tolerance, adapting to USDA Zones 6b to 11. Commercially, Celebration has been successfully grown as far north as Southern Illinois. The cold hardiness of any particular turfgrass, however, is dependent on several factors, including the minimum low temperature, the duration of the cold, the hydration of the turfgrass, wind, soil type and proper establishment of the turfgrass in question. Before a huge investment is made in placing Celebration in a colder region, a small sample or “test” plot should be planted to confirm success.

Q: How often do I need to mow Celebration?

A: It depends on the season of the year, the rate at which you fertilize, and the height at which you wish to maintain your Celebration. But generally, Celebration will need to be cut every 7 to 14 days, or as needed, during cooler months. Grass grows more in the spring and summer than in the fall and winter, so you will need to mow more frequently in the spring and summer. Similarly, fertilized grass grows more quickly than non-fertilized grass, so a fertilized lawn will need to be mowed more frequently. Finally, if you wish to maintain your lawn at the same height year – round, you will need to mow more frequently in the spring and summer and during those periods immediately following an application of fertilizer

See Celebration Maintenance for more details



Mow every 7 to 14 days

Q: How drought tolerant is Celebration?

A: In a recent study by Texas A&M in San Antonio, TX, Celebration was found to be one of the most drought resistant varieties of turfgrass from among 25 tested varieties. Additionally, Celebration exhibited an exceptional ability to recover from drought, recovering 100% after a simulated 60 day drought. *See Celebration Research for details*

Q: At what height should I mow Celebration?

A: Maintain your Celebration between .5 and 2 inches. Heights above 2 inches will reduce quality. Never cut more than 1/3 of the total length of the blade at any one mowing. If a scheduled mowing is missed and clippings clump on top of the Celebration, bag or vacuum the clippings to reduce shade out. Vertical mowing (*verticutting*) may be performed to renovate Celebration.

Q: How often should I fertilize Celebration?

A: If you have Celebration as a home lawn or on any application other than a sport/athletic field, you should fertilize your Celebration only twice a year: spring and summer. Check your soil type; if you have very sandy soil, you have to make a third application by the end of summer. If you have a sport/athletic field, you will have to fertilize your Celebration once every 45 days during the growing season for your area, but check with your local extension agent or consult with a sport field turf manager/professional for more details.



Needs less fertilizer than other bermudagrasses



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