

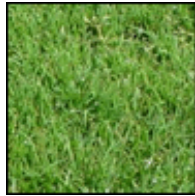


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Drought-Tolerant Grass

Drought-tolerant varieties are required for new development.

New ordinance requires residential and commercial builders to install turf grass with summer dormancy capabilities after Jan. 1, 2007.

Residential and commercial builders must now select turf grasses from an approved list of drought-tolerant varieties for newly constructed homes or businesses effective Jan. 1, 2007.

In order to facilitate the inspection process in a timely manner, please complete and submit to the SAWS Conservation Department the [Turfgrass Verification Form](#).

These approved grass varieties were chosen for their ability to survive with very little or no water for extended periods:

Approved Varieties for Use by Residential and Commercial Builders

Bermuda Grass

Varieties

- Celebration
- Common Bermuda
- GN1
- Grimes EXP
- Tex Turf
- TifSport
- Tifway 419

Characteristics

- Requires full sun
- Extremely tolerant to traffic
- Responds quickly to watering after drought
- Requires frequent mowing to maintain its appearance
- Frequently goes dormant during the winter

Buffalo Grass

Varieties

- Currently, all varieties are approved

Characteristics

- Requires full sun
- Does NOT tolerate traffic well
- Requires little, if any, water or fertilizer after establishment
- Must be mowed very high, five inches or more, or not at all

St. Augustine Grass

Varieties

- Floratam

Characteristics

- Prefers dappled shade
- Does NOT tolerate traffic well
- Remains green throughout the winter
- Susceptible to fungal diseases if excessively watered during the winter

Zoysia Grass

Varieties	Characteristics
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• El Toro• Empire• Jamur• Palisades	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tolerates both sun and shade• Tolerates foot traffic• Different cultivars have different drought tolerances• Growth is slow as compared to Bermuda and St. Augustine

For more information on the city's conservation ordinance, or details specifically about turf grasses, please call us at (210) 704-SAVE.



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