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Pleasure Plus Gives Superintendents Great Results

Perennial Ryegrass Seed Performs For Golf Courses



FireRock Golf Course, Fountain Hills, AZ

Golf course superintendents typically have to make tough decisions. When it comes to overseeding, it is important to have all the facts when selecting a ryegrass variety.

“Some of the perennial ryegrass will have a lot of annual rye in it. You may also find a lot of weed seed in there,” says Larry Allison, field rep for Fertizona-Fennemore. “Our Pleasure +[®] variety is a 3-way blend, so it’s three newer varieties of perennial rye. We’ve found that there is a lot less annual rye and weed seed in this seed.”

A Pleasure To Use

One golf course in Arizona that has experienced good results with Pleasure + is FireRock, a high-end 18-hole golf course with an exclusive membership. FireRock Superintendent Kenny Watkins describes what a pleasure it is to use this turfgrass variety.

“I’m amazed at how quick it germinates and how we have a great

stand time after time,” says Watkins. “One year, we had the seed down by the first week of October and the temperature actually reached 90 degrees the week before Thanksgiving. We had such a good stand of ryegrass, we went ahead and let the members drive on the grass, which usually doesn’t happen until December or so.”

It’s Easy Being Green

Watkins admits that although he was hesitant at first, he is glad he uses Pleasure +.

“With our salt and water quality here, we were really pleased with the seed,” explains Watkins.

Pleasure + is a dark-green ryegrass variety that is drought tolerant and resistant to brown patch. Watkins applied the

seed at 700 pounds per acre to ensure a good stand of turfgrass.

“It is a clean seed. It came up really quick, it had good color and it didn’t have a whole lot of growth, so we weren’t constantly having to mow,” Watkins describes. “We didn’t have to apply a lot of iron to keep the color. It was holding its color pretty good.”

For more information about overseeding with Pleasure + perennial ryegrass, call your Fertizona rep. ▲

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PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT

Golf Fertilizers Help With Water And Soil Issues

Fertizona Offers Winning Technology For Golf Courses

To help golf course superintendents in the southwest solve problems like poor water quality and deficient soil, Fertizona and Compton Ag Services offer two fertilizer products from Greensmiths.

Cal-Cite Calcium

Golf course superintendents often struggle to get enough calcium into the soil. And that's where Cal-Cite Calcium can help.

"Cal-Cite Calcium raises calcium levels without raising the pH, which helps displace built-up sodium levels in the soil," says Jim Montgomery, owner of Greensmiths. "Cal-Cite is actually pharmaceutical-grade calcium, which offers maximum uptake."

N-Control

Greensmiths also offers N-Control. "It's a liquid fertilizer that provides the benefits of nitrogen and N-pHuric acid with zero volatilization or leaf burn," Montgomery says.

Gari Scherting, golf course superintendent at Palm Valley Golf Club, has experienced success with N-Control. "Our soil structure has loosened up a bit, helping with water drainage and leaching of salts. It also helped with growth this winter. Everything greened up and grew faster, when ordinarily it's so slow that time of year."

For more information, please contact your local Fertizona field representative. ▲



Cal-Cite Calcium and N-Control are two excellent products for dealing with poor water and soil quality.

TURE TIPS

Fertizona Offers Injection Pumps

Injection Pump Installation And Service Available At Fertizona & Compton Ag Services

To meet the growing demand for injection pumps, Fertizona sells, installs and services a variety of Neptune injection pumps.

"Injection pumps can cut a golf course's labor costs substantially," says Fertizona—Fennemore Sales Rep Brandon Adams. "Nitrogen is the most common product used with injection pumps, but almost any liquid fertilizer will do."

Automatic Adjustment

You can automatically adjust the speed of the pump based on how much water is being dispersed. If there's a fluctuation in water volume, the control panel reads it

and sends a signal to the pump to correct it.

At Your Service

Fertizona also installs and services injection pumps. We also offer chemigation and acid/chlorine pumps. For all your injection pump needs, check with your local field representative. ▲



Calibration Tips

- When switching between products, flush out all lines before starting the new product. Fertizona provides flush hoses for this purpose.
- Before starting a new product, flush out tanks and clean out injection quills to avoid contamination.
- Use the calibration tube to calculate how many ounces per gallon of liquid fertilizer you're putting out on the golf course.
- When switching products, check the calibration for products with varying volume and weight. If you're off by 3-4% in volume based on weight, you might be over- or under-applying the fertilizer.