

Winter Lawns in Florida Solutions

In Central Florida, lawn grasses such as bahiagrass, bermudagrass, and St. Augustine grass, go dormant in the late fall and winter. During this period, these grasses grow very slowly, and lose color. In order to get an attractive green lawn during the winter, a temporary grass is seeded into the permanent lawn. This practice is called "overseeding". Annual ryegrass, is considered the best for overseeding.

Annual Rye Grass Is Eco-Friendly, low priced, a non-aggressive, vigorous grower, furnishes nutrients back to the soil, forms an erosion soil basis for stability, beautiful green color - makes annual ryegrass a winner!

* **Timing:** Seeding time for Central Florida is from mid-November to early December. It is recommended that seeding should be done when daytime temperatures are in the low-to mid-70°F range.

* **Seedbed: preparation:** To prepare the lawn for overseeding, the grass should first be raked to remove all debris. Then, mow the lawn closely, catching or removing by raking the grass after mowing.

* **Overseeding:** A seeding rate of 10 lbs/1000 sq ft is used for annual or common and intermediate types of ryegrass

Annual ryegrass is exceptionally useful as a fill-in grass when planted with slower growing permanent lawns

