

ALTERNATIVE TURF: BUFFALOGRASS

Buffalograss is an excellent native grass option for lawns. Consider these tips when evaluating if buffalograss is right for you:

BENEFITS

- **Best native, water-wise option** to achieve a traditional look.
- **Low maintenance.** Mow 1-3 times per summer. Left unmowed it will grow 3-6 inches tall. Fertilize once in June and water once per week.
- **Great drought tolerance.** Goes dormant with dry conditions and returns as moisture does.

WATER SAVINGS

- Saves a great deal of water, requiring only one-third the water of a traditional lawn.
- Water once per week from May to early October. Winter watering is not required.
- Newly established grass requires regular watering for several weeks after planting while it forms new roots.

INSTALLATION

- Choose a cultivated variety that works well on Colorado's Front Range like Sundancer, Legacy or Prestige.
- Sundancer can be planted from seed. Purchase primed or treated seed for better germination. Plant May 15- Aug. 1.
- Legacy and Prestige are installed by plugs or sod. Plant May 15- Aug. 15.

Visit [csu.org](https://www.csu.org) for water-wise information, irrigation rebates and instructional videos.



TIPS FOR GRASS SELECTION

DON'T use buffalograss if:

- Your yard doesn't get at least six hours of direct sun.
- The soil is sandy, rocky or very well drained. Buffalograss requires some clay content.
- Your yard is above 6,500 feet elevation.
- Your yard has concentrated or constant foot traffic.



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