

Baywood Colony Landscape Committee

Tips for Tackling Dead Grass

1. Remove the weeds and dead grass by
 - a. Applying weed killer
 - i. Natural weed killer recipes are found on the web and are usually a formula of vinegar, salt and dish soap.
 - b. Wait 3-5 days after applying weed killer and pull up weeds roots and all and discard.
 - c. Important to remove the roots so the weeds won't grow back.
2. Rake the newly cleaned area thoroughly to turn up the soil.
3. Add bag(s) of top soil to area and rake into the area.
4. Spread seed – Bermuda grass is highly recommended!! St Augustine grass requires a lot of water once established. It is not drought tolerant.

Bermuda Grass is incredibly resistant to drought, humidity, and heat from the full sun. These features combine to make it one of the best grass seeds to withstand the high temperatures in Florida. Bermuda grass is also known for being a fast-spreading seed, making it an excellent choice for lawns.

Plant at rate recommended on the bag of seed.

If Oasis Bermuda grass seed is available, it's the best mix. It seems to be in short supply right now.

5. Cover with soil no deeper than 1/4 inch and carefully rake to spread.
6. Watering
 - a. Keep the soil surface moist a minimum of 1 - 2 weeks or until the turf is established.
 - i. **Important!** Water 15 minutes before 10 am and 15 minutes after 4 pm. *Seed does not need deep watering* for a long period of time. Watering morning and evening is Sarasota County code.
 - b. After establishment, less frequent deep watering is preferred on a "as needed" basis.
 - c. After 3 - 4 weeks it can be mowed.