



Bentgrass

SOLUTION



Bentgrass forms an extremely fine-textured, dense and uniform high-quality turf when managed correctly. This is the grass that is used on Golf course greens. Bentgrass is not recommended for home lawns. The amount of care required to make bent grass perform like a golf green is not realistic for a home lawn. Bentgrass will perform poorly in the home lawn. It will brown out during the heat of the summer and will pull up rather easily. Bentgrass is also very susceptible to insect and disease damage.



What to Do about Bentgrass?

The solution to Bentgrass is to remove it from the yard and replant those areas with desirable seed. The most effective way to remove Bentgrass is to treat it with a product containing **Glyphosate such as Round Up**. For best results, treat the Bentgrass while it is green and actively growing so it will completely kill the undesirable grass. **Wait seven to ten days** and reseed the area with desirable turf mixtures. Be cautious to keep Round Up off desirable turf, as it will kill it.



Selecting Seed Mixtures

Be sure to use a quality seed mixture. Most lawns in Northeast Ohio are a Kentucky bluegrass and Perennial Ryegrass mix. Do not buy seed that has annual seed or weed seed in it. Often times the Bentgrass came from the wrong seed being used to repair areas of the lawn. Brookside Lawn Services can provide quality seed to you in easy to handle ten pound bags. Call our office and we will drop the seed off at your house.



Seeding and Care

After waiting seven to ten days for the undesirable grass to absorb the treatment it is time to prepare a seed bed. The idea is to loosen the soil so it will hold moisture and allow the roots to go into the soil. This can be done with a hoe and rake in small areas or consider a tiller for larger areas. The soil should be raked smooth when finished. It is a good idea to seed and rake the seed into the soil and then seed over the top of the smooth soil. Use straw to help keep the area moist after seeding. Keep the area moist by **watering daily**. If kept moist seed will come up quickly and evenly. **After three weeks** you should water less frequently, but more deeply.



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