



**ELITE tall fescue:**

- deep green color
- attractive medium leaf texture
- excellent color year round
- adapted to sun or shade
- blend of “best by test” varieties for your area
- suitable for fine lawns and commercial landscapes



Traffic and Wear Tolerance	Shade Tolerance	Care Required for Satisfaction	Drought Tolerance	Leaf Texture	Turfgrass Quality	Carbon Footprint
Poor ----- Excellent	Deep Shade ----- Sunlight	Low ----- High	Poor ----- Excellent	Fine ----- Coarse	Poor ----- Excellent	Low ----- High



**Turfgrass Tech Sheet**  
**ELITE tall fescue**  
**Festuca arundinacea Schreb.**

**Description:**

ELITE tall fescue is a dark green medium textured grass composed of 2 or more first quality/superior fescue selections. ELITE is a superior blend of both blue-tag or gold-tag certified fescue seed consisting of the latest "best performing" tested varieties with superior disease and pest resistance.

**Uses:**

ELITE tall fescue is commonly used in residential and large commercial landscapes, in medians, and along roadsides throughout the upper south.

**Adaptation:**

ELITE exhibits superior heat and cold tolerance in areas from Atlanta to Charlotte to Raleigh, north and provides superior shade tolerance to warm season grasses whenever it is grown. ELITE tall fescue is also tolerant of moist soils that occur in shady locations.

**Drought Tolerance:**

ELITE tall fescue is one of the most drought tolerant cool season grass blends and performs best in temperate climates. Optimum water management for ELITE tall fescue, as with any grass, is dependent on soil physical characteristics.

**Weed Tolerance:**

ELITE tall fescue weed control is best supported by proper nutrient management and chemical weed prevention.

**Insect Pest Tolerance:**

ELITE tall fescue is subject to the common insect pests of all other cool season grasses including but not limited to army worms and white grubs.

**Disease Resistance:**

Brown Patch is the most common disease of fescue landscapes. ELITE tall fescue is a blend of the most current disease resistant selections commercially available.

**Water Quality Tolerance:**

On a suitably drained profile, ELITE tall fescue is moderately tolerant of poor water quality from municipal and industrial sources.

**Traffic / Wear Tolerance:**

Although turf type tall fescues as a group do not exhibit the traffic and wear tolerance of some warm season grasses, ELITE tall fescue does perform well among the tall fescue group.

**Soil Fertility Ranges:**

ELITE tall fescue prefers a range of soil pH from 6.5 to 7.5. Healthy tall fescue may require 2 1/2 to 4 of actual nitrogen pounds/ 1,000 sq. ft. per year for best performance. Always fertilize and lime based on soil test.

**Mowing Height:**

Maintain cutting height of 2 1/2 inches. Mowing may be required on a 5 to 7 day interval.

**Establishment:**

ELITE tall fescue is available in sod and seed forms.

**Quality:**

First quality ELITE tall fescue seed is sold with a blue tag label - free of noxious weeds and other pests. All ELITE fescue sod is harvested from Super-Sod fields that have been planted with this superior seed.

**Availability:**

ELITE tall fescue grass sod is EXCLUSIVELY available from farms and outlets of Super-Sod.

