

## ULTRA SHADEGRASS

### **General Description**

Turf production in shade is a significant challenge. Most plants need sunlight and even the components of Ultra Shadegrass, while tolerant to reduced light, still have a minimum requirement to carry on photosynthesis. The grasses included in Ultra Shadegrass will produce a dominant Fescue turf. This sward will consist of fine, bristle-like leaves that can become very dense. Generally, a series of seedings over 2 - 5 years may be necessary to obtain satisfactory results and an acceptable turf. Mow at a higher cutting height for best results.

### **Usage**

For Turf Areas in Restricted Sunlight (50% - 70% Reduced Sunlight)

### Mixture

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55% Chewings Fescue

20% Creeping Red Fescue

15% Kentucky Bluegrass

10% Perennial ryegrass

### **Limitations**

Compounding the problem of good turf in shade are factors including:

Dry soils (since trees have a very effective moisture-collecting root system)

Restricted air movement that contributes to disease incidence

Period of grass smothering while leaves are lying on grass

Fertility requirements that are lower than for other turfs (Nitrogen at 1.5 kg/100m<sup>2</sup>)

Fertilization in early spring and fall

### **Seed Rate**

2 kg/100m<sup>2</sup> or 4 lbs/1000 ft<sup>2</sup>

*\* Mixture percentages and varieties may change at any time.*