MEDIUM/TALL NATIVE MIXTURE



Medium/Tall Native Mix is a combination of plants chosen to add the perfect balance of color and diversity to enhance open areas, highlight gardens, or to accent a landscape where a taller look is desired. Medium/Tall Native grows from 3-6 feet tall. Its combination of mixed plants and heights will provide a diverse look as it matures. Most native plans take three years to reach maturity and require some Maintenance.

Planting Guidelines

Pure Stand; Medium/Tall Native Mix should be seeded at ¾lb per 1,000 sq ft for best results.
To accent grasses; seed the Medium/Tall Native at about ½lb per 1,000 sq ft and add 2oz Per 200 sq ft of accent grasses to highlight selected areas. Recommended accent grasses: Indian grass, Sideoats Grama, Big Bluestem, and Green Needlegrass.

To add wildflowers; seed the Medium/Tall at about $\frac{1}{2}$ lb per 1,000 sq ft and add 2oz per 200 sq ft of wildflowers to highlight selected areas. Recommended wildflower; Prairie Medley or Bird & Butterfly.

Seed Mix

30% Big Bluestem 10% Little Bluestem 20% Sideoats Grama 10% Switchgrass

20% Canada Wild rye 10% Slender Wheatgrass

Seed Bed Preparation

For best results incorporate GreenGuard Soil Prep Plus into planting areas which should be tilled and dragged until the surface is firm and free of clods, sticks, and vegetative debris like a lawn seedbed. A good garden fertilizer like GreenGuard Vegetable & Flower will speed up establishment, and should be applied 30 days after seeding. You should avoid standard garden fertilizers because they contain higher levels of salts and excess nitrogen.

<u>Maintenance</u>

Weed control is generally the biggest problem the first couple of years. The easiest and cheapest program is mowing. Mowing is used the first year to control annual weeds and allow the sun to reach the native plants. It may require two to three cuttings to control the weeds and reduce the cover. Mowers should be set to cut above 6 inches to prevent damage to the native plants, but avoid letting the cover get taller than 18 inches.

Year two should include mowing once or twice depending on how much weed pressure you are seeing. Mowers should be set to cut no shorter than 6 inches to prevent damage to the native plants; avoid letting the unwanted cover, like foxtail, from getting taller than 18 inches. Spot spraying may be used to control thistle and dandelions, but be careful how these products are used because they will also kill most flowers.

