

# SHORT NATIVE MIXTURE

Short Native Mix is the perfect balance of color and diversity to enhance large open areas, highlight gardens, or to accent landscapes. Short Native grows approximately 2-3 feet tall. Most native plants take three years to reach maturity and require some maintenance.

## Planting Guidelines

Pure Stand; Short Native Mix should be seeded at ¼lb per 1,000 sq ft for best results.

To accent grasses; seed the Short Native Mix at about ½lb per 1,000 sq ft then add 2oz Per 200 sq ft of accent grasses to highlight selected areas. Recommended accent grasses: Little Bluestem, Sideoats Grama, Big Bluestem, and Sand Dropseed.

To add wildflowers; seed the Short Native Mix at about ½lb per 1,000 sq ft and add 2oz per 200 sq ft of wild flowers to highlight selected areas. Recommended wildflowers; Prairie Medley or Bird & Butterfly.

## Seed Mix

30% Little Bluestem	10% Blue Grama
20% Sideoats Grama	10% Canada Wild rye
20% Slender Wheatgrass	10% Sheep's Fescue

## 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 other 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.

## Maintenance

Weed control is generally the biggest problem in the first couple of years. The easiest and cheapest program is mowing. Mowing is used the first year to control annual weeds and to 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 still be set to cut no shorter than 6 inches to prevent damage to the native plants; and also avoid letting an 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.

Native Grass Mixture

