Greens Up Early in the Spring

J-5 Chewings Fescue

Does well on low pH soils
Desirable clumpy look when kept “hungry”
Attractive foliage and bunchy appearance popular for “links” look

Shade Tolerance

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Turf Density

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Winter Color

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Cold Tolerance

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Drought Tolerance

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Summer Color

Looking for that Scottish links look? J-5 Chewings fescue (*Festuca rubra fallax*) is it, with its bunchy appearance and attractive foliage making it well suited for golf roughs.

One of our “hands off” varieties, J-5 does well under un-mown conditions and ranked #1 in the California and Illinois NTEP trial for un-mown quality. J-5 also does well on low pH (4.5-8) soils and typically infertile sites. In fact, fairway fertilizer and watering should be avoided as its desirable clumpy look is best when the grass is “hungry”.

Disease and Pest Resistance: Diseases won’t get J-5 down. It has demonstrated good resistance to Red Thread, and *Poa annua* won’t push J-5 around since it’s resistant to encroachment.

Shade Tolerance: J-5 won’t fade in the shade. J-5 works well with shaded landscape areas. But don’t forget, a higher cutting height (>1.5 in.) is recommended in the shade to optimize turf health.

Early Spring Greenup: J-5 has a dark green fine textured appearance making it a great choice amongst Chewings fescues. J-5 breaks winter dormancy and greens up early in the spring for increased aesthetic value.

Seeding Rates:

Maintained at turf heights: 4-6 lb./1,000 ft² (20-30 g/m²)

Unmown areas: 20-40 lb./acre (25-45 kgs/ha)

Overseeding into existing turf: 6-10 lb./1,000 ft² (30-50 g/m²)

In Blends: J-5 can be blended with hard and sheep fescues and seeded at the lower rate of 4 lb./1,000 ft² (20g/m²) to increase the clumpy look popular in golf course roughs.

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