

| <b>Lawn grasses</b>    | <b>Bermuda</b>   | <b>Buffalo grass</b>                                  | <b>St. Augustine</b>   | <b>Zoysia</b>  |
|------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| Drought tolerance      | high   | high  | moderate   | moderate   |
| Shade tolerance        | low - needs full sun                                     | low - needs 6 hrs+ sun/day                            | moderate   | low to moderate  |
| Foot traffic tolerance | high   | low - slow to recover                                 | low to moderate  | high - slow to recover                                   |
| Mowing height          | 2" - 2.5" - do not remove more than 1/3rd at a time      | 2" - 2.5"   | 2.5"   | 2" - 2.5"  |
| Watering               | about 1" per week  | about 1" per week                                     | 1" per week in growing season; 1" every 2 weeks when dormant | 1" - 2" per week   |
| Maintenance needs      | high - frequent fertilizing & mowing                     | low   | moderate - regular fertilizing & mowing                      | moderate   |
| Disease potential      | low  | moderate - grubs, chinch bugs, leaf spot, brown patch | moderate to high - fungal disease, chinch bugs               | low  |
| How to install         | seed or sod  | seed, sod or plugs                                    | sod  | seed or plugs - slow growing                             |
| Spreads by             | rhizomes (underground stems) & stolons (surface runners) | stolons (surface runners)                             | stolons (surface runners)                                    | rhizomes (underground stems) & stolons (surface runners) |