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Planting St. Augustine Grass

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Planting St. Augustine grass is a wise choice if you live in the South, but there are still some important details to keep in mind.

For those living anywhere in the south, from Florida to Southern California, Texas to the Dixie states, St. Augustine grass is a big recommendation for a perfect, hassle free lawn.

St. Augustine grass is best when you are growing grass in ground that is salty or alkaline. Unlike other grass types, St. Augustine withstands ocean salt water and both high alkaline and high acid levels. And St. Augustine grass thrives in the sunshine. It doesn't do so well in extreme periods of shade.

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Only recently have grass developers come up with a reliable seed for planting St. Augustine grass. Before, sod patches or plugs were the best and most reliable way to get St. Augustine grass successfully planted in your garden.

Because seeds are a relatively new development, sod is still the most common way to go. And because St. Augustine grass is so sensitive to the cold, it is imperative that installation - when the sod needs to catch on to your soil - not take place when temperatures risk getting low. Keep that in mind, even if you live in desert areas. Deserts get cold, too, especially at night.

Planting St. Augustine Grass - The Enemies!


Several insect pests cause serious damage to St. Augustine grass lawns. The Southern lawn chinch bug is the most serious pest on St. Augustine grass in Florida where the insect is active most of the year. Make sure that you protect your lawn with the appropriate insecticide.

St. Augustine grass responds extremely well to being fertilized properly. Fertilize your grass right, and your St. Augustine will "knit" itself into a tight turf that naturally resists weeds. In addition, a fertilizer that contains iron

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