

## The Washington Difference

When it comes to your lawn, you want nothing but the best. The best equipment and irrigation system. The best soil and amendments. So, naturally you want the best turfgrass seed. That's where the Washington difference comes into play.

Washington produces some of the highest quality turfgrass seed in the world. More than 90% of the industry's Bluegrass seed is grown in the Pacific Northwest. Much of that comes from Washington state.

Kentucky Bluegrass is by the far the most preferred and widely used in the northern half of the United States. It is a dense, colorful, cool-season grass that is perfect for a yard that is played in often. Kentucky Bluegrass is beautiful and soft to the touch due to its thin, rounded blades.

Aside from the beauty and feel of Kentucky Bluegrass, it has a host of environmental benefits too! Genetic research has developed the world's best Kentucky Bluegrass seed, which produces climate-friendly lawns, standing up to drought and requiring fewer water inputs. It's also a very dense variety of grass making it ideal for heavily trafficked areas and great for active families. Kentucky Bluegrass is also exceptional at quickly spreading, which helps keep your lawn looking full. It has a knack for maintaining density, healing after damage, and withstanding cool weather and drought. Most of which is produced without irrigation.

Washington turfgrass seed farmers also grow other cold-climate grasses like perennial ryegrass, tall fescue, hard fescue, slender fescue, and creeping red fescue. The state's climate is ideal for turfgrass seed production and affords producers the ability for a quick turnaround. In general, Washington turfgrass seed planted in August may be harvested the following July. The eastern side of the state produces the majority of the turfgrass seed in the region.

Not only are the conditions ripe for irrigated turfgrass seed production, but a large portion of the seed produced in Washington comes from dryland practices. Farmers also include turfgrass seed as a rotational crop to prep and conserve the soil between food crops like potatoes, corn and wheat.

Washington's turfgrass seed farmers work tirelessly to produce the highest quality turfgrass seed for your lawn, local parks, and sports fields. So the next time you go to a baseball game or enjoy a relaxing picnic at the park, thank a turfgrass seed farmer from Washington.