

The Home Depot FAQ's – Pennington Straw Blanket

1. Q: Is the Pennington Wheat Straw Blanket biodegradable?
A: Yes, the Pennington Wheat Straw Blanket is biodegradable. It is designed to naturally break down over time, making it an environmentally friendly option for erosion control and grass establishment without requiring removal after use.
2. Q: What sizes are the Pennington Wheat Straw Blankets?
A: The Pennington Wheat Straw Blanket is available in a 4 ft. x 50 ft. roll, covering up to 200 square feet. This roll format makes it easy to cover bare or sloped ground to help protect seed and stabilize soil.
3. Q: What is the Pennington Wheat Straw Blanket used for?
A: The Pennington Wheat Straw Blanket is primarily used for erosion control and seed germination support on slopes and bare areas. It holds soil in place, retains moisture, and creates a protected environment that encourages grass seed to germinate and establish successfully.
4. Q: How do you use a wheat straw seed starter germination blanket?
A: Lay the blanket roll at one side of the bare area, about 3 inches from the sparse zone, with the beginning edge facing you and flat on the ground. Unroll it toward the bare spot so the thicker netting side faces upward. This orientation ensures the blanket properly contacts the soil surface and holds seed in place during germination.
5. Q: Which side of the wheat straw blanket faces up when installing it?
A: The thicker netting side of the blanket should face upward during installation. When you position the roll with the beginning edge near you, that thicker netting edge naturally faces up, ensuring the blanket functions correctly to protect seed and soil beneath it.
6. Q: How far from the bare area should you start laying a straw germination blanket?
A: Begin laying the blanket approximately 3 inches from the edge of the sparse or bare area. This starting position allows the blanket to properly transition from stable ground onto the seeded zone, ensuring full coverage and edge security without gaps.
7. Q: Is the Pennington Wheat Straw Blanket good for slopes?
A: Yes, the Pennington Wheat Straw Blanket is specifically designed for use on slopes. Its erosion control construction helps prevent soil and seed from washing away on inclined terrain, making it well-suited for hillsides, embankments, and other sloped surfaces where erosion is a concern.
8. Q: How long should you leave a straw blanket on new grass?
A: A straw blanket should generally remain in place until the new grass is fully established and no longer at risk of erosion or washout. Because the Pennington Wheat Straw Blanket is biodegradable, it will naturally decompose into the soil over time, so removal is typically not required once grass has filled in.

9. Q: Does the Pennington Wheat Straw Blanket need to be removed after grass grows in?

A: No, the Pennington Wheat Straw Blanket does not need to be removed after grass establishes. Since it is biodegradable, the blanket breaks down naturally into the soil, saving time and effort compared to non-biodegradable erosion control products that must be manually removed.

10. Q: Can the Pennington Wheat Straw Blanket be used for erosion control without seeding?

A: Yes, the blanket can function as a standalone erosion control solution to stabilize bare soil on slopes and embankments. However, it is most effective when used in combination with grass seed, as establishing vegetation provides long-term, sustainable erosion protection beyond what the blanket alone can offer.

11. Q: What material is the Pennington Wheat Straw Blanket made from?

A: The Pennington Wheat Straw Blanket is made from wheat straw, a natural agricultural byproduct derived from the stems of wheat plants. This organic material is 100% natural, which contributes to the blanket's biodegradability and makes it a soil-safe choice for lawn and landscape applications.

12. Q: How does a wheat straw blanket help with grass seed germination?

A: A wheat straw blanket helps germination by holding seed against the soil, retaining moisture, and moderating soil temperature. These conditions create a more stable microenvironment for seeds to sprout, especially in exposed or sloped areas where seeds and topsoil would otherwise be vulnerable to wind and rain displacement.

13. Q: Is the Pennington Wheat Straw Blanket suitable for large lawn areas?

A: The Pennington Wheat Straw Blanket is available in a 4 ft. x 50 ft. roll, covering up to 200 square feet. For larger lawn areas, multiple rolls can be installed side by side or end to end, making it suitable for projects ranging from small patches to larger slopes, embankments, or bare-ground areas.