

## **FAQs – Pennington Contractors Mix Grass Seed**

1. Q: What is Pennington Contractors Mix grass seed?

A: Pennington Contractors Mix is a professional-grade grass seed blend formulated specifically for the region in which it is sold, designed to deliver quick, dense, high-performance lawn results. It is suitable for new lawns, repairs, and overseeding, and performs well in areas receiving 4 to 6 hours of daily sunlight. The mix is an all-purpose solution trusted by both contractors and homeowners seeking reliable, regional results.

2. Q: How long does Pennington Contractors Mix grass seed take to grow?

A: Pennington Contractors Mix grass seed typically germinates and shows visible results in 7 to 21 days under proper growing conditions. To support germination, the soil should be kept consistently moist by watering daily as needed until the grass sprouts and reaches approximately 3 inches tall. Planting during the recommended windows — early spring or early fall — helps ensure the fastest and most successful germination.

3. Q: What kind of grass is in Pennington Contractors Mix?

A: Pennington Contractors Mix contains grass seed varieties that are specifically formulated for the region in which the bag is sold, meaning the exact seed blend varies by region (Central, Northern, or Southern). This regional formulation ensures the seed types chosen are best suited to local climate conditions, soil types, and growing patterns. The bag is labeled with the appropriate regional designation so buyers can confirm they are purchasing the correct mix for their area.

4. Q: When should I plant Pennington Contractors Mix grass seed?

A: The best time to plant Pennington Contractors Mix is in early spring or early fall. These seasons provide the cooler temperatures and more consistent moisture that cool-season grasses need to establish strong root systems before facing summer heat or winter cold. Avoiding planting during hot, dry summer months helps reduce seedling stress and improves germination success rates.

5. Q: How much sun does Pennington Contractors Mix need to grow?

A: Pennington Contractors Mix requires 4 to 6 hours of direct sunlight per day and is rated as having very good sun tolerance. It also carries a good shade tolerance rating, making it a versatile choice for lawns that receive partial sun throughout the day. It is not recommended for areas with deep or full shade where sunlight falls well below 4 hours daily.

6. Q: How much area does a bag of Pennington Contractors Mix cover?

A: Coverage depends on the bag size and whether you are starting a new lawn or overseeding an existing one. For example, the 7-pound bag covers up to 1,400 square feet for overseeding and up to 580 square feet for new lawns. The 40-pound bag covers up to 8,000 square feet, making it well suited for larger properties or professional contractor applications.

7. Q: What are the seeding rates for Pennington Contractors Mix?

A: For new lawns, apply Pennington Contractors Mix at a rate of 12 pounds per 1,000 square feet. For overseeding thin or existing lawn areas, the recommended rate is 5 pounds per 1,000 square feet. Using a drop, rotary, or hand-held spreader set to the recommended spreader settings helps ensure even seed distribution across the treatment area.

8. Q: How deep should I plant Pennington Contractors Mix grass seed?

A: Pennington Contractors Mix grass seed should be planted at a depth of 1/4 inch. After spreading the seed evenly with a spreader, rake gently to work the seed and starter fertilizer lightly into the soil to achieve this planting depth. Proper seed-to-soil contact at the correct depth is essential for optimal germination within the 7 to 21 day window.

9. Q: What is the correct mowing height for Pennington Contractors Mix?

A: The recommended mowing height for Pennington Contractors Mix is 3 inches. You should wait until the newly seeded grass reaches 3 inches tall before mowing for the first time, and avoid removing more than one-third of the total grass blade length in any single mowing session. During hot, dry summer periods, increasing the mowing height slightly helps reduce stress on the lawn.

10. Q: What sizes does Pennington Contractors Mix come in?

A: Pennington Contractors Mix is available in 7-pound, 20-pound, and 40-pound bag sizes across Central, Northern, and Southern regional formulations. This range of sizes accommodates everything from small patch repairs and overseeding projects to large-scale new lawn installations.

11. Q: What are the drought, disease, and traffic tolerance ratings for Pennington Contractors Mix?

A: Pennington Contractors Mix is rated good for drought tolerance, disease resistance, and traffic tolerance. It also carries a good shade tolerance and very good sun tolerance rating, making it a well-rounded performer across a variety of

lawn conditions. These characteristics make it a dependable all-purpose mix for both residential and contractor use where moderate stress tolerance is needed.

12. Q: How do I prepare my lawn before planting Pennington Contractors Mix?

A: For bare spots or new lawns, remove any debris and rake the soil to loosen and smooth the top layer before seeding. For overseeding thin areas, start by mowing existing grass as short as possible, remove debris, and then rake the soil to loosen the surface. After preparing the soil, apply a starter fertilizer at the manufacturer's recommended rate before spreading the seed to support early root development.

13. Q: How do I water Pennington Contractors Mix after planting?

A: After planting, keep the soil consistently moist by watering daily as needed until the grass sprouts and reaches approximately 3 inches tall. Avoid overwatering to the point of runoff, as this can wash away seed and fertilizer. Once the lawn is established, normal watering practices can resume based on local climate conditions and seasonal needs.

14. Q: Does Pennington source its grass seed directly from farmers?

A: Yes, Pennington is the only major grass seed company that works directly with a dedicated network of grass seed growers rather than purchasing seed on the open market. These farmer relationships have been built over decades and now span multiple generations of trust and integrity. This direct farm-to-product sourcing model is central to Pennington's commitment to providing consistently high-quality grass seed.