

# Looking for Lawn Alternatives?

## We've got you covered!

We appreciate a lush patch of turf grass—it's perfect for playing games or lounging with a picnic lunch. But keeping that lawn looking ideal takes a lot of resources. Mowing, watering, fertilizing all have a cost, in dollars and on the environment. Plus, the market for better, more ecologically sound plantings is growing. So why not join in?

Try a planting that's a low ground cover like turf grass but needs fewer resources to thrive. A number of the grasses and sedges we grow lend themselves to lawn alternatives. Their branching, fibrous root systems hold soil in place while also increasing water infiltration. Dense crowns and abundant foliage slow and filter runoff, reducing sediment and pollutants that flow into waterways. They can reduce weed competition, which lowers labor costs and reduces herbicide use. Our lawns can look great and function better with grasses and sedges.



**See back for our full list of grasses & sedges for lawn alternatives and ideas to try!**

### QUICK FACTS

- Lawn Alternatives create a low ground cover that does not need regular mowing or fertilizing.
- Can reduce resource use and the maintenance burden of turf grass.
- Many handle dry conditions once established and do not need supplemental irrigation.
- Are most appropriate for areas that don't get heavy foot traffic.
- Can tolerate being mowed two-three times a season if desired, but only need cutting back once a year in late winter before new growth appears.



## Lawn Alternatives we grow:

*Bouteloua dactyloides*

*Bouteloua gracilis*

*Bouteloua gracilis* 'Blonde Ambition' <sup>PP22048</sup>

*Carex appalachica*

*Carex cherokeensis*

*Carex divulsa*

*Carex eburnea*

*Carex flacca*

*Carex flacca* 'Blue Zinger'

*Carex pensylvanica*

*Carex radiata*

*Carex texensis*

*Deschampsia cespitosa*

*Deschampsia cespitosa* 'Goldtau'

*Deschampsia flexuosa*

*Eragrostis spectabilis*

*Juncus tenuis*

*Sesleria autumnalis*

*Sesleria* 'Greenlee Hybrid'

*Sporobolus heterolepis*

*Sporobolus heterolepis* 'Tara'

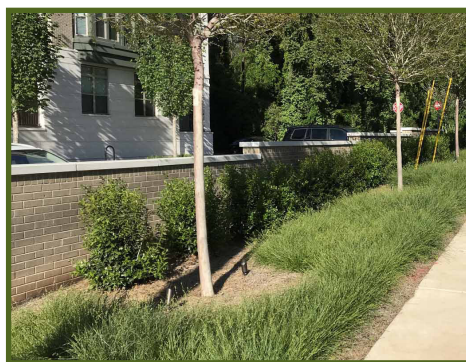
### FORMS A DENSE CARPET QUICKLY



#### ***Bouteloua dactyloides* (Buffalo Grass)**

Warm season, grey green to blue green, 4-6", 6-8" with blooms, sun, dry-average, flowers late spring, Zones 4-8, Origin: central plains of Canada & U.S., South to Mexico

### THRIVES UNDER TREES



#### ***Carex divulsa* (Grassland Sedge)**

Cool season, green, 1', 1.5' with blooms, sun-shade, dry-moist, flowers late spring, Zones 5-9, Origin: Eurasia

### BEAUTIFUL BLUE COLOR



#### ***Carex flacca* (Blue Sedge)**

Cool season, blue gray, 8"-10", 12"-18" with blooms, sun-part shade, dry-moist, flowers late spring, Zones 4-8, Origin: Europe, Africa

### GREAT FOR DRY OPEN AREAS



#### ***Eragrostis spectabilis* (Purple Love Grass)**

Warm season, green w/ purple seedheads, 6", 10" with blooms, sun, dry, flowers late summer, Zones 6-10, Origin: Central and Eastern North America

### SOFT TOUCHABLE FOLIAGE



#### ***Juncus tenuis* (Path Rush)**

Green, 6", 1' with blooms, sun-part shade, average-wet, flowers late spring, Zones 2-10, Origin: North America

### LUSH CLUMPING HABIT



#### ***Sporobolus heterolepis* (Prairie Dropseed)**

Warm season, green, 2', 3' with blooms, sun, dry, flowers midsummer, Zones 4-9, Origin: North America