

# TURF SPEC



## Tifway II

Tifway II Bermuda is a dark green durable hybrid Bermuda turfgrass which is propagated from stolons. Its low growing habit is heat tolerant and can withstand heavy traffic. It also has a short winter dormancy thus staying greener longer in the fall and breaking dormancy quicker in the spring.

**RECOMMENDED USES:** Tifway II is recommended for residential, commercial applications, sports fields, golf courses or anywhere that high traffic is of concern.

**MEASUREMENTS:** Tifway II is harvested by machine to a thickness of approximately 5/8" plus top growth. Slabs of sod are stacked 500 square feet to a pallet with each piece measuring 16" x 45" or harvested in big roll form with 375 square feet to a roll.

**SHIPPING STANDARDS:** Prior to harvesting, Tifway II is rolled and mowed to a uniform height of 1/2" to 3/4" for shipment. Pallets and big roll tubes remain the property of Valley Sod Farms and are collected for reuse.

**TEMPERATURE TOLERANCE:** Tifway II is heat tolerant and can withstand and survive in poor water conditions.

**WEAR RESISTANCE:** Tifway II can withstand high traffic conditions and recovers quickly from damage with proper care.

**SHADE TOLERANCE:** Tifway II is not shade tolerant and requires full sun for proper growth.

**COLOR:** Tifway II is dark green in color depending on nitrogen level with optimum color in the warmest months.

**SALT TOLERANCE:** Tifway II has a good tolerance to saline soils and irrigation.

**THATCH:** Proper culture practices and regular mowing schedules with occasional vericutting will eliminate excessive thatch build-up.

### ESTABLISHMENT & MAINTENANCE

**WATERING:** Newly planted sod must have a constant level of moisture. Watering schedules depend on the season in which it is planted. Proper moisture will allow the root system to establish quickly depending on the level of heat.

**MOWING:** Tifway II should be mowed as often as needed after rooting to maintain a height of 1/2" to 1" depending on individual preference and application.

**FERTILIZATION:** Tifway II requires a moderate amount of fertilization depending on the time of the year and whether the plants are in an establishment period or if the sod is fully mature. Regular fertilization should take place after dormancy is broken in the spring and reduced in the fall months.

**WEED, INSECT AND DISEASE CONTROL:** Tifway II is resistant to insect and disease invasion with proper culture practices. Weeds, if any, can be controlled with proper chemical treatments depending on the type of weed and the season of the year.

