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ASK THE INSPECTOR...

Question

We are trying to find a grass for an area of our back yard that won't require a lot of work to maintain. What do you recommend for a low maintenance grass?

Answer

There are several varieties of grass that require less work to maintain. The type you choose will depend on your climate and specifics of where you'll plant. Your county extension agent and local lawn care professionals can also help you pick the right grass for your situation.

Here are a few suggestions:

Buffalo grass works in warmer season areas and is a native grass to North America. It turns brown in hot or cold weather. It is drought tolerant but grows slowly and doesn't hold up in high traffic situations, i.e., dog runs.

Tall Fescue works in the transitional zone regions and does a better job with some light traffic. It is fairly drought resistant and requires less maintenance.

Bahia is a lower-growing, warm season type of grass that requires less maintenance. Its texture is coarser making it thicker and better at keeping out weeds.

Centipede, a common warm season grass, is fast-spreading, coarse and low growing. It is not very drought resistant and may turn brown in high heat situations. It requires less fertilizer than some of the other grasses. Popular types include Oaklawn and Centennial.

Fine Leaf Fescue works best in cool season areas. It is drought resistant and tolerates shady areas but not high traffic.

UNWANTED GUESTS AT YOUR BARBEQUE?

Few things can ruin a back yard get together like mosquitoes. Commercial products exist like bug zappers and citronella candles but here are a few home-based devices and tips that you can use to help reduce mosquitoes at your next barbeque.

Bubble Machines - Load up a bubble machine and let it run before and during your outside activities. The soap makes it impossible for mosquitoes to fly. A few drops of lemongrass oil added to your bubble solution will also spread a deterrent as well. Home made bubble solutions are cheaper by the way.

Incense - Cheap incense sticks soaked in citronella oil and dried can replace mosquito coils at a fraction of the cost. Stick them in the ground and in nearby flower pots or arrangements and light them.

Listerine - Use a hand held pump bottle filled with 4 ounces of water and 1 teaspoon of Listerine to spray your deck, lawn, bushes, etc., just before guests arrive to help keep mosquitoes away from the sprayed areas for a few hours. One half teaspoon of dish soap added will help to kill any larva also.



If you have questions about home inspections or home maintenance, Ask the Inspector!

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