



# Planting instructions

## Native seed packet

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& Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District [www.neorsd.org](http://www.neorsd.org)

### DESCRIPTION

The native seed mix consists mostly of long-lived perennials that send roots down the first year with little top growth. Most top growth and flowering will begin the second year, so be patient.

### INSTRUCTIONS

*Plant your seeds in a well-prepared 10-square-foot weed-free site.*

**Divide the seed into two equal parts.** You may want to mix each half with sand, aged sawdust or vermiculite as a carrier and marker to know where you have sown.

**Sow in two directions:** Sow in one direction with 1/2 of the mixture, then at 90 degrees with the other half. This will assure good coverage over the entire area.

**Lightly rake the area** with a leaf rake turned upside down. The objective is to get seeds between 1/8 and 1/4 inches into the soil.

**Roll the seed:** Use roller and roll one way, then at 90 degrees to the first rolling to set the seed. If your site is sloped and erosion may occur, cover the site lightly with clean weed-free straw or fine mulch and water thoroughly. After seeds sprout, do not let them dry out.

**Water thoroughly once per week** for the first season if rain has not occurred.

### HELPFUL HINTS

**Proper mowing:** Keep the site mowed to from six to eight inches high the entire first season if annual weed pressure is high. We recommend using a mulching mower set as high as you can get it. Always mow when the area is dry and never remove more than 25% of the mowed material. Excessive grass clippings can smother seedlings and young plants. Mowing will not hurt your native seedlings but will help control the establishment of annual weeds.

**Weeding:** If perennial weeds are present, they will need to be eliminated. Remember: every time you pull a weed, you disturb soil and bring up new seeds. Repeated cutting of perennial weeds to ground level may be the best option and will eventually kill them. You may need to mow a couple times early in the second season, and then let the area grow. Continue to remove perennial weeds as necessary.

**Seasonal notes:** We recommend leaving the plants standing throughout the winter to provide habitat for wildlife and then mowing the area in the spring with a mulching mower.

**Frost seeding:** This requires exposed soil. Frost seeding is a method of seeding that takes advantage of the natural freezing and thawing of the soil surface. Timing is important to assure that the soil surface is frozen when the seed is sown. You may broadcast over a light snow. Broadcast the seed as discussed in the planting instructions but do not roll it. As the soil freezes and thaws throughout the winter, the seed will stratify and work into the soil, thus completing the process.

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### Native Short Grass Meadow Mix

Lot 948906

Botanical Name	Common Name	% of Blend	% Germ	Test Date	
Schizachyrium scoparium	Little Bluestem	25.55%	88.00%	9/24/2007	
Elymus canadensis	Nodding Wild Rye	18.75%	81.00%	1/19/2008	
Chamaecrista fasciculata	Partridge Pea	12.50%	73.00%	8/8/2007	
Bouteloua curtipendula	Side-oats Grama	6.25%	80.00%	2/28/2008	
Echinacea purpurea	Purple Coneflower	4.38%	93.00%	1/9/2008	
Heliopsis helianthoides	Ox Eye Sunflower	3.75%	80.00%	12/10/2007	
Rudbeckia hirta	Black-eyed Susan	3.75%	80.00%	12/10/2007	
Asclepias tuberosa	Butterfly Weed	3.13%	96.00%	2/27/2008	
Centaurea cyanus	Cornflower	3.13%	92.00%	10/19/2007	
Eryngium yuccifolium	Rattlesnake Master	3.13%	94.00%	3/16/2007	
Gaillardia pulchella	Indian Blanket	3.13%	91.00%	1/2/2008	
Monarda citriodora	Lemon Mint	3.13%	85.00%	1/19/2008	
Coreopsis lanceolata	Lanceleaf Coreopsis	2.50%	64.00%	1/9/2008	
Monarda fistulosa	Wild Bergamot	1.88%	90.00%	11/1/2007	
Asclepias syriaca	Common Milkweed	0.63%	78.00%	3/11/2008	
Aster novae-angliae	New England Aster	0.63%	84.00%	3/11/2008	
Lespedeza capitata	Roundheaded Bushclover	0.63%	90.00%	4/11/2007	
Lobelia siphilitica	Great Lobelia	0.63%	73.00%	7/3/2007	
Penstemon digitalis	Foxglove Beardtongue	0.63%	18.00%	1/8/2008	
Pycnanthemum virginianum	Virginia Mountain Mint	0.63%	90.00%	4/18/2007	
Rudbeckia triloba	Brown-eyed Susan	0.63%	84.00%	2/23/2007	
Solidago rigida	Stiff Goldenrod	0.63%	39.00%	3/11/2008	
	Pure Seed	Other	Inert	Weed	Total
	90.79%	0.15%	9.00%	0.06%	100%

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