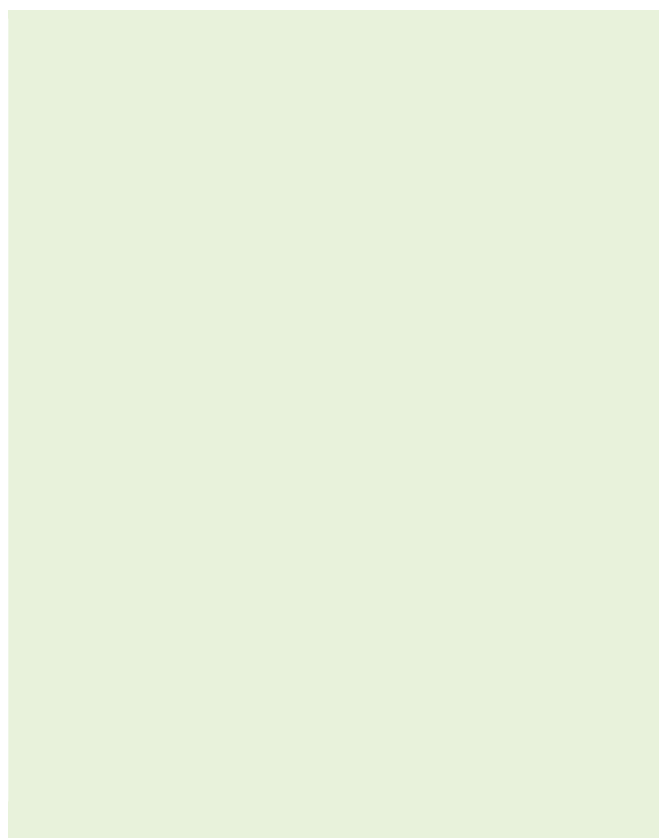




	 <p>TRADITIONAL TURF</p>	 <p>NO-MOW FESCUE</p>	 <p>BEE-LAWN</p>	 <p>NATIVE SEEDING</p>
INSTALL COST	\$\$\$ (SOD) to \$ (SEED) \$1.90- \$3/SY \$1/SF OR LESS	\$\$ \$1/SF OR LESS	\$\$ (SEED) to \$\$\$ (PLUGS) \$1/SF OR LESS \$4-6/PLUG	\$\$ \$.10-.13/SF
ESTABLISHMENT TIME	FAST INSTANT (SOD) TO 2-3WKS (SEED)	MODERATE 2-3 WEEKS TO GERMINATE, 1ST YEAR TO ESTABLISH	MODERATE 1 YEAR GROWTH, 2-3YR TO MATURE	SLOW 3-5 YRS TO ESTABLISH FULLY
LONG TERM MAINTENANCE	HIGH (FREQUENT MOWING, WATERING, FERTILIZING)	LOW (1-2 MOWS/YEAR, LOW LONG-TERM WATER)	MEDIUM (OCCASIONAL MOWING, MINIMAL CHEMICALS)	VERY LOW (MINIMAL MOWING, NO IRRIGATION/FERTILIZER)
10YR COST	\$\$\$	\$	\$	\$
WATER USE	 HIGH	 MODERATE	 LOW	 LOW
POLLINATOR VALUE	 NONE	LOW	 MODERATE	 HIGH
GENERAL BENEFITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Instant curb appeal (with sod) + Ideal for high-traffic areas and play + Easy to find and install + Familiar appearance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Very low maintenance (1-2 mows/year) + Drought-tolerant and shade-friendly + Soft, fine texture + Reduces noise and mowing pollution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Supports pollinators like bees and butterflies + Includes flowering species (e.g., clover, self-heal) + Still functions as a lawn + Less mowing and watering than turfgrass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Excellent for biodiversity and wildlife habitat + Very drought-tolerant once established + Low maintenance after establishment + Improves soil health and carbon sequestration

ADDITIONAL
RESOURCES

TRADITIONAL TURF



NO-MOW FESCUE

Prairie Nursery- No Mow Resources
(<https://www.prairienursery.com/resources-guides/no-mow-resources/>)

BEE-LAWN

UMN Extension: Planting & Maintaining a Bee Lawn
(<https://extension.umn.edu/landscape-design/planting-and-maintaining-bee-lawn>)

NATIVE SEEDING

Shooting Star Native Seed-Restoration Guidelines
(<https://www.shootingstarnativeseed.com/about-natives/restoration-guidelines/>)

Tallgrass Prairie Restoration Center- Landowner Resources
(<https://tallgrassprairiecenter.org/prairie-farms/resources-landowners-and-practitioners>)

UMN Extension: Planting and Maintaining a Prairie Garden
(<https://extension.umn.edu/planting-and-growing-guides/planting-and-maintaining-prairie-garden>)

LEARN MORE ABOUT TRANSFORMING YOUR LAWN!

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<https://rethinkinglawns.com/>