

How to Plant Mayberry Centipede

Centipede grass is a popular turf grass for lawn in the Southern part of the United States. Centipede grass' ability to grow in poor soils and its low maintenance needs make it an ideal grass for many homeowners in warmer areas. While centipede grass needs little care, some centipede grass maintenance required.

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Centipede grass can be grown from centipede grass seed, sod or plugs. Which method you use depends largely on what you prefer in terms of cost, labor and time to established lawn.

Planting Centipede Grass Seed

The first step to starting centipede grass seed is to till the area where you would like the centipede grass seed to grow. Using a rake or roller, level the area after it has been tilled.

If there was another grass growing in that area previously, either remove the grass before tilling or treat the area with Compare•N•Save Grass & Weed Killer and wait 2 weeks before planting.

After the area has been prepared, spread the centipede grass seed. 1 pound of centipede grass seed will cover 4,000 square feet. To make spreading the centipede grass seed easier, you may want to mix the seed with sand. Mix 1 pound of seed with 3 gallons of sand for maximum efficiency in covering the area.

After planting the centipede grass seed, water thoroughly and keep watered for 3 weeks. If desired, fertilize the area with a high nitrogen fertilizer.

Caring for Centipede Grass

After your centipede grass lawn is established, it needs very little maintenance, but it does need some. Centipede grass maintenance involves occasional fertilizing and watering.

Fertilize your centipede grass twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall. Lightly apply a nitrogen rich fertilizer once in the spring and again in the fall. Fertilizing any more than this can lead to problems with your centipede grass lawn.

Water your centipede grass only when it starts to show signs of water stress during times of drought. Water stress signs include a faded color or wilted look to the grass. When watering during drought, water once a week deeply, rather than several times a week shallowly.