Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT MAKES BELLA® BLUEGRASS SO AMAZING?
It is the only dwarf bluegrass currently available and spreads from rhizomes instead of seeds. Tested and proven against other bluegrasses to produce better overall characteristics one seeks in a lawn. At only 3-4 inches tall, it reduces mowing, while reducing watering and fertilizing. It is drought resistant and tolerant of high temperatures. It has a deeper root system and displays rapid lateral growth, making it a great weed barrier. It has a striking, dark alpine color with soft texture. It is excellent on foot traffic and everyday wear.

WHERE CAN THESE BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE LANDESCAPE?
It is very drought resistant and withstands the high temperatures very well. They are excellent in full sun or full shade. These are perfect for large or small yards, entire lawn substitutions, patios, rooftops, or those high traffic areas that are hard to grow anything. It also holds up nicely with high foot traffic.

HOW MUCH AREA DOES A TRAY FILL?
If planted approximately 8 inches apart, one tray will fill in about 22 square feet.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO BECOME ESTABLISHED?
It is a very fast growing bluegrass and with correct growing conditions, it will normally become well-rooted in 2-3 weeks. Once rooted it will begin to spread quickly, and producing full ground coverage in approximately 6-9 months.

HOW OFTEN DO I MOW IT?
Once established, the desired length is completely up to you. It will grow to a maximum of 3-4 inches high. If you normally mow your grass 50 times a year, you will probably now only need to mow it anywhere from 12-25 times a year depending on your desired length.

WILL BELLA® BLUEGRASS GROW ANYWHERE?
This dwarf bluegrass will grow in USDA zones 4-8. It's a superior performer among cool season turfgrasses. Bella will grow in any soil type and it will retain fall color longer than many other turf selections and it will greenup more quickly in the spring. It features superior heat and drought tolerance while remaining green all year long in warmer climates. It will grow farther south than other bluegrasses.

First Things First...

When your plant arrives from Roberta's, remove from the shipping box immediately.

Remove netting and/or sleeve from around the tray. Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil.

If you cannot plant it into garden or larger pots within a few days, there is no need to water them yet. Place them outside if evening temperatures remain above 40F.

When ready to plant, do the job as early in the day as possible to avoid extreme soil temperatures that prevent proper water uptake from the roots. Water them in well and whisper a few words of wisdom.

Our Warranty
(Perennials)

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Plant Hardiness Zone Map

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Roberta's Gardens
Planting and Growing Guide

No Mow Bella® Bluegrass
(Dwarf Kentucky Bluegrass)

QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Full Sun to Shade
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	4-7
PLANT TYPE	Perennial
PLANTING DISTANCE:	6-12 inches
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	3-4 inches 12-15 inches around
BLOOM TIME:	N/A
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS: (soil preparation, depth, which end is up, etc.)	Remove netting and/or sleeve from around the tray. Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil. If you cannot plant it into garden or larger pots within a few days, there is no need to water them yet. Place them outside if evening temperatures remain above 40F.

PLANTING GUIDE

1 STEP

Water the grass plugs thoroughly upon receiving. If you cannot plant them within a few days make sure they stay well watered.

2 STEP

Prepare your soil by tilling the soil at a depth of 3-4 inches then water the area and rake to an even grade when dry. Transplant into the ground as soon as evening temperatures stay above 40F. Dig holes about 1 to 2 inches deep. If using an auger, only dig to a depth even with the crown otherwise you may need to backfill.
Place them in their holes. Fill with any needed soil and pack firmly around the entire root zone. Immediately after planting, thoroughly soak the newly planted grass.

3 STEP

Keep saturated until rhizomes have rooted to the soil, usually in 7-14 days. Water well every day for the first 2-3 weeks. Do not let water pond. Bella will root faster with the cool temperatures in the spring and slower with the higher summer temperatures.

4 STEP

Continue to water frequently to keep the plugs actively growing and spreading. Planted now, they will provide ground coverage in appx. 90 days.
Bella's root system extends much deeper than other Bluegrasses, reducing watering frequency once established.

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SHELF LIFE
Plant in garden immediately after the night temperatures stay above 35 degrees.

PLANT PREPARATION
Remove the tray from the box and water immediately. Place the tray in an area protected from the wind. Water the plugs and keep them moist until you are ready to plant them.

SOIL PREPARATION
If your soil is clayish amend it with a standard garden soil for adequate drainage and moisture retentiveness. Lightly water the prepared area to cool the ground. This will reduce the shock to the rhizomes and allow more rapid rooting. It is a versatile grass that will grow in sand, sandy loam, clay or peat.

GARDEN PREPARATION
Pick anywhere from a sunny to shaded area as it does well in both. These are perfect for large or small yards, entire lawn substitutions, patios, rooftops, or those high traffic areas that are hard to grow anything.

PLANTING DEPTH AND SPACING
Plant separately spacing about 6 to 12 inches apart. Dig holes about 1-2 inches deep. Place them in their holes and pack soil firmly around the roots. If using an auger, only dig to a depth even with the crown otherwise you may need to backfill using an auger. Water in well.

PLANT HEIGHT AND WIDTH
These will grow about 3 to 4 inches tall and 12 to 15 inches around. If planted 8 inches apart on center, they will cover a 22 square foot area.

WATER
Water thoroughly upon planting and continue to saturate the newly planted rhizomes until rooted (usually 7-14 days). Water thoroughly every day for the first 2-3 weeks. Do not let water pond. Once established water only as needed during all seasons. Bella's root system extends much deeper reducing watering frequency. In drought situations, water thoroughly to recharge soil moisture, about 1 inch per week.

MOW
Mowing is important during the establishment period to encourage Bella to spread and control weed growth. After rhizomes are firmly rooted keep area mowed at 1 to 1 ½ inches as frequently as necessary to control weed growth. After establishment mow as you desire. If left un-mowed it will reach an average height of 3 to 4 inches tall.

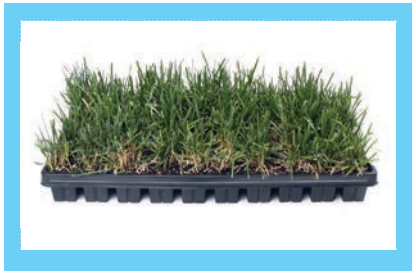
WEED CONTROL AND FERTILIZING
Immediately after planting, apply a fertilizer with pre-emergent weed control following the label directions. Repeat this application at ½ rate in 8 weeks if planted in the spring. Once established follow regular fertilizing schedule recommended for bluegrass in the spring and fall.

LIGHTING
This dwarf bluegrass will grow in a full sunny location or in a shaded area.

GROUND COVERAGE
It will provide full ground coverage in approximately 6-9 months from planting. Bella will root faster with cool temperatures in the spring and fall and slower with the higher summer temperatures.

TEMPERATURE ZONE 4 to 7
This first and only dwarf bluegrass is ideal for any area in zones 4-7. It is very drought resistant and tolerant of high temperatures. In cold regions it will go dormant, but in the warmer southern climates it will stay green year-round.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE



Bella Bluegrass
Shipped as Shown

Lush, dark alpine green

Thick and dense growth pattern

Short at only 3-4 inches tall

Rapid lateral growth for full coverage

Bella spreads from rhizomes

Newly planted rhizomes