



# No Mow Lawn – California Native Buffalograss

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## Benefits of Buffalograss

### 1. Save Water – 75% Saving

Native to the United States, Buffalograss thrives on just 1/4 inch of water per week, resulting in up to a 75% reduction in water consumption with a deep root system that grows 4-6 feet into the soil. Its root system can utilize deeper underground water when the top soil goes dry in dry seasons. Buffalo grass is even eligible for water rebates in many cities with limited supplies of water.

Approximately 50-70 percent of our residential water is used for landscaping, most of it to water lawns. Think about a \$200 monthly water bill and be reduced to \$60 - \$100? Save up to \$1,680-\$1,200 a year! And imagine if everybody switched to water saving lawn, which total approximately 20-30 million acres in the United States. How much precious fresh water resources people can save a year?

Landscape designer recommended water once every 10 days! For each 100 SF, get a HomeDepot 5 gallon paint pail to measure 18 gallons of water, scoop and pour them evenly onto the lawn. For sprinkler system, place a container on the lawn and measure how long to fill up 1/4" of water. And adjust the timer of the sprinkler. If that is too difficult, just water for 10 minutes! Even if you chose not to water or do not have water resources to water, this will not harm the grass. But when you notice a slight browning of the blade tips then it is a sign the grass needs watering.

### 2. Save Environment

*Buffalograss* is resistant to most turf damaging insects so the need for an insecticide is rare. It is also very dense and aggressive once established, making it more difficult for weeds to infest the turf. With a reduced use of chemicals you are helping to save the environment since polluted water run off is the single largest source of water pollution nationwide according to the EPA.

### 3. Save Air

With *Buffalograss*, you can mow your lawn less often or not at all, saving you time and helping to keep our air clean. A gas-powered lawn mower emits 11 times the air pollution of a new car. Reducing mowing/watering, also reducing Gardener's hourly or weekly labor charge. A bonus saving! If you needed to mow or clean, please use electric lawn mowers and leaf blowers!

Buffalograss will grow to a maximum height of 4 to 6 inches only. How often you mow is personal preference. You can mow to minimum 1 inch short to have a manicured look or leave it un-mowed until it reach its max 6 inch height and give your yard a Californian Meadow look.

Goes dormant in the winter (from November to March), And in California, it will be green even in dormant period. Other areas, it may turn into a purplish brown during dormant period. Landscape designer recommended mow only once a month in Summer( from May to August, only 4 times a year). But still it is personal preference to make the final call.

### 4. Save Allergies

*Buffalograss* -is the turf grass choice for a pollen reduced landscape. The American Lung Association recommends using plants which have a pollen rating of 6 or less. This grass has a slightly higher rating 1. Buffalo Grass is seedless, or vegetatively reproduced and establishes faster than seeded varieties. This grass cannot grow in shades, need to have sun light.