

FIRECRACKER^{SLS}

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TOP-RATED NTEP PERFORMER

- EXCELLENT SALT TOLERANCE
- LATERAL SPREAD TECHNOLOGY™ (LS)
- TOP OVERALL NTEP PERFORMER
- DARK GREEN
- BROWN PATCH AND NET BLOTCH RESISTANCE
- FORMS A DENSE TURF

Firecracker SLS is the top-rated tall fescue performer in the most recent NTEP trials and continues on the tradition of excellence established by the original Firecracker LS. **Firecracker SLS** offers excellent **Salt** tolerance, allowing it to be used in applications that require effluent irrigation or along roadways and sidewalks. **Firecracker SLS** has excellent **Lateral Spread** potential as well as great resistance to brown patch and net blotch. **Firecracker SLS** is dark green and dense, producing a very aesthetically pleasing turf that's ideally suited for all types of high-quality turf applications.



NTEP DATA

| VARIETY | TURF QUALITY MEAN | LEAF TEXTURE MEAN | SPRING DENSITY MEAN | RELATIVE GROWTH RATE* | SEEDLING VIGOR MEAN |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| FIRECRACKER SLS | 6.5 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 2.7 | 6.6 |
| RHAMBLER SRP | 6.4 | 6.2 | 6.3 | 2.0 | 6.3 |
| HOT ROD | 6.3 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 2.3 | 5.9 |
| GRANDE 3 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 6.3 | 2.7 | 6.5 |
| FAITH | 6.2 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 2.7 | 6.3 |
| FALCON IV | 6.0 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 3.0 | 6.3 |
| RAIN DANCE | 5.9 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 3.3 | 6.1 |
| AQUADUCT | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.8 | 4.0 | 6.0 |
| LSD VALUE | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 1.4 | 0.5 |

2012 NTEP TALL FESCUE DATA - 2013 PROGRESS REPORT DATA. TURFGRASS QUALITY AND OTHER RATINGS 1-9; 9=BEST * LOWER NUMBER = SLOWER GROWTH RATE

GERMINATION UNDER SALINE

95%

Firecracker SLS has excellent salt tolerance - even at germination. All other varieties in the trial averaged only 82% germination.

2014 PEAK Plant Genetics Saline Trial - data taken 10 days after seeding.

SPRING GREENUP

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|------------------------|------------|
| HIGH | 7.3 |
| FIRECRACKER SLS | 6.8 |
| LOW | 5.0 |
| LSD | 0.9 |



Firecracker SLS has excellent spring greenup showing it has great over-winter capabilities..

2013 NTEP Mean Spring Greenup

GENETIC COLOR - MEAN

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|------------------------|------------|
| HIGH | 7.4 |
| FIRECRACKER SLS | 6.8 |
| LOW | 3.5 |
| LSD | 0.3 |



Firecracker SLS exhibits a very dark green color and maintains it's color all year long.

2013 NTEP Mean Genetic Color

SEEDING AND OVERSEEDING Tall fescue prefers warmer soil for germination, typically 55°F to 58°F. In the Transition zone this means early spring and early fall. Further north, late spring and late summer is preferred. Firecracker SLS should be sown at a rate of 6 to 9 lbs per 1000 sq ft (275 to 400 lbs per acre), lightly covered with soil and kept moist until after the first cutting. Maximum density is achieved by planting with a slicer/seeder or following aeration, and with the application of a starter fertilizer. First mowings are generally within three weeks, or when plants first reach 3 in. in height. Overseed existing tall fescue at a rate of 225 to 300 lbs per acre.

MAINTENANCE Firecracker SLS natural dark color, density and pest resistance minimize the need for extensive maintenance. Generally 2 to 3 pounds of nitrogen as part of a balanced fertilizer applied annually is all that's required. Cutting heights should range between 2 to 3 inches. Under controlled conditions heights down to 1 inch can be satisfactorily maintained.

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