

# Think Green

## ORIGIN: OREGON Fine and Tall Fescue

“Green” turfgrasses are not something newly developed to save our planet. Environmentally friendly and ecologically sound fine and tall fescues have been underfoot all along. More and more conscientious homeowners, landscape contractors, parks managers and golf course superintendents are seeding and sodding their turf areas with Chewings and creeping red fine fescue for extremely low maintenance, shade tolerant lawns with low fertilization and water requirements. Or they’ll select deep-rooted, drought- and wear-tolerant tall fescue for home lawns, athletic fields, parks and golf course roughs where a great deal of activity takes place, and maintenance costs could be an issue.

Planting fine and tall fescues is such a simple step that even the most “What can I do about the environment?” citizens can have a hand in saving our planet. The benefits are plenteous and obvious. A naturally green turf sward with greatly reduced nitrogen and maintenance requirement is refreshing to look at, play on, and performs like an air conditioner, reducing the global warming that’s being discussed so much. Healthy turf also collects airborne dust while stabilizing our soil, converts carbon dioxide into oxygen, reduces stress in humans, provides padding for kids’ elbows and knees, plus makes a statement that we’re all doing our part to help.



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