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# **NEED A TURFGRASS WORKHORSE?**

**El Toro zoysia is up to the job.**

One of the hardest-working turfgrasses ever released, El Toro was developed to survive extreme drought conditions and quickly recover when irrigation or rainfall resumed. Among its many other top-performing benefits, El Toro's thick, carpet-like growth habit enables it to not only naturally resist weeds and insect pests but to also withstand traffic. Its coarser leaf blade and upright growth allow it to easily be maintained with a standard rotary lawn mower.

El Toro zoysiagrass grows well in sun or shade and retains its beautiful dark-green color late into the fall season. Adaptable to a wide range of soils (including high salinity) and pH levels, it thrives in low-fertility environments. What's more, El Toro has outstanding tolerance to both heat and cold.

In short, El Toro needs less water, pesticides and fertilizer, which equates to big savings in both inputs and labor. Fewer inputs also make El Toro an excellent option in situations where an environmentally friendly turfgrass is a priority.

An excellent all-around turfgrass, El Toro's many practical applications include home lawns, parks, playgrounds, utility areas and shaded, high-traffic areas on golf courses. Whenever a low-input yet high-quality turf surface is needed, El Toro is your top pick, and Buy Sod is your best source.



**El Toro  
Zoysia**



# El Toro Zoysiagrass

## Attributes and Benefits

- ✓ Drought tolerant (#1 zoysia in 1996–2001 NTEP trials) = reduced irrigation requirement.
- ✓ Exceptional shade tolerance = versatile.
- ✓ Excellent salt tolerance = good for seaside areas.
- ✓ Fall color retention = extended aesthetics.
- ✓ Reduced thatch buildup = lower maintenance.
- ✓ Aggressive lateral growth habit = quick recovery from wear.
- ✓ Warm-season variety suited for Hardiness Zones 7B, 8A and 8B.

## Best Management Practices

**Sunlight Requirement:** Best with at least 4 to 6 hours of sun per day.

**Mowing:** Best maintained at 0.5" to 1.0" (reel mower) or 1.0" to 3.0" (rotary mower).

**Fertility:** Recommended 2 lbs. N/1,000 ft<sup>2</sup>/year (none after September).

**Weed Control:** All herbicides labeled for use on zoysiagrass can be safely applied to Buy Sod's El Toro zoysiagrass. Always follow label instructions.

**Disease Control:** Zoysiagrass can be susceptible to large patch in spring and fall. Use an appropriate fungicide preventatively on high-end applications, or treat curatively (as needed) on lower maintenance applications. All fungicides labeled for zoysiagrass can be safely applied to Buy Sod's El Toro zoysiagrass. Always follow label instructions.

**Insect Control:** Zoysiagrass is naturally resistant to most insects. All insecticides labeled for use on zoysiagrass can be safely applied to Buy Sod's El Toro zoysiagrass.

For details on installation and maintenance, visit [www.buysod.com](http://www.buysod.com).

## Best Uses

**Landscape** — residential lawns and commercial landscapes.

**Golf** — fairways and shaded tees.

**Sports** — moderate-use fields, such as baseball and softball.

**Playgrounds and parks.**

**Highway rights-of-way.**

## Pedigree

Developed by Dr. Victor B. Youngner at the University of California-Riverside, El Toro was released in 1985.

## Buy Sod's Quality Assurance — State Certified Sod

Buy Sod offers both certified and non-certified El Toro zoysiagrass. However, we maintain the same certified-grower protocols for our non-certified El Toro sod as we do for our certified El Toro sod. You can rest assured that the El Toro zoysiagrass sod you purchase from Buy Sod is of the highest quality available.

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St. Augustine: Raleigh • Zoysiagrass: Zeon and El Toro • Paspalum: SeaStar  
Centipedegrass: TifBlair and Common • Bluegrass: Tournament • Fescue/Bluegrass Mixtures

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