

Planting Recommendations for Winter-Greens

Be sure to stay within the planting dates for your area (see the back of the Winter-Greens bag or go to Planting Dates at whitetailinstitute.com). If you have questions regarding the following instructions, please call Whitetail Institute at (800) 688-3030 ext. 2 before proceeding.

FOR BEST RESULTS

- A. Winter-Greens should be planted in medium to well drained soils.
- B. Soil test to determine accurate lime and fertilizer requirements. Winter-Greens needs a soil pH of 6.0 or higher to achieve optimal performance. If soil test is taken before ground-breaking/tillage, make sure sample is taken at least 6 inches deep. If no soil test is available apply a minimum of 2 tons of lime and 400 pounds of 17-17-17 or equivalent fertilizer per acre.
- C. Disk ground thoroughly to prepare a good seed bed. If weedy or new ground, disk again in 3-7 days.
- D. Apply lime as far in advance of planting as possible and apply fertilizer at planting time. Incorporate both lime and fertilizer by lightly disking.
- E. For best results use a cultipacker or heavy roller to smooth and firm the soil. If no cultipacker is available, use a weighted fence type drag to smooth seed bed (see DVD for Details). (NOTICE: We are cultipacking before seeds are sown.)
- F. Broadcast seed at the recommended rate. Go back over the plot with cultipacker or roller to ensure good seed-to-soil contact. **DO NOT DRAG THE PLOT AFTER SEEDING!**
- G. If using a drag to smooth and firm seed bed prior to spreading seeds, do not drag the after spreading the seed. Broadcast seed and leave seed on top. Dragging can set seed too deep.

NOTE: Seed must never be planted more than 1/4-inch deep. (As mentioned above, see DVD for details.)

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- H. **Optional:** After planting, place a small wire basket over a portion of your Winter-Greens so wildlife cannot browse inside basket. Watch the difference inside and outside the basket to gauge grazing pressure.
- I. For best results after seedlings are 4-6 inches tall, add 100 pounds of 34-0-0 or similar high-nitrogen fertilizer per acre to boost growth. Apply fertilizer when plants are dry.

NOTE: DO NOT PLANT IN HOT, DRY CONDITIONS.