

## The UC Guide to Healthy Lawns

### Turf adaptations and tolerances

Turf species best adapted to most California conditions								
Turf species	Tolerance						Temperature adaptation	Planting method
	Heat	Cold	Drought	Shade	Salinity	Wear/ Traffic		
Bermudagrass	High	Low	High	Low	High	High	Warm-season	Seed, sod, stolons, sprigs, plugs
Kentucky bluegrass*	Low	High	Low	Mod	Low	Mod	Cool-season	Seed, sod
Perennial ryegrass*	Low	High	Low	Low	Mod	High	Cool-season	Seed, sod
Red fescue*	Low	High	Mod	High	Low	Mod	Cool-season	Seed, sod
St. Augustinegrass	High	Low	Mod	High	High	Mod	Warm-season	Sod, stolons
Tall fescue	Mod-high	Mod	Mod	Mod	Mod	Mod-high	Cool-season	Seed, sod

Mod = Moderate

\*When planted as a blended turf, this species may have higher tolerance for heat if properly managed.