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Custom Native Grass Mixture Requirements



- 1. Grass mix should include 80% or more of the following species that are the predominant native grasses in El Paso County.** This list comes from the Reference Plant Community of Major Land Resource Area (MLRA) 49, [Southern Rocky Mountain Foothills](#) and MLRA 69, [Upper Arkansas Valley Rolling Plans](#).
 - Western wheatgrass
 - Blue grama
 - Green needle
 - Big bluestem
 - Mountain muhly
 - Little bluestem
 - Needle and thread
 - Sideoats grama
 - Buffalograss
 - Switchgrass
 - Galleta
 - Akali sacaton
- 2. The remaining 20% should be species native to Colorado according to the USDA Plants Database (plants.usda.gov)**
- 3. Smooth brome and crested wheatgrass are not allowed.**
- 4. Up to 10% of a sterile cover crop may be included for quick germination and soil stabilization. Recommended sterile cover crops include Quickguard triticale, sterile white oat, Proso millet.**