



## Good Lawn Products

### How to Maintain a Healthy-Lake Lawn

### Seed Mixes

Use drought tolerant species such as Creeping Red Fescue, Tall Fescue and Ryegrass. Kentucky bluegrass has a short root system and requires more nutrients and water for vigour, so no more than 10% Kentucky blue grass is recommended. If you can find some with at least 5% clover all the better as clover fixes atmospheric nitrogen to the soil and naturally feeds the grass.

1. **ALCLA Native Plants Seed Mix** email [info@plwa.ca](mailto:info@plwa.ca) for purchase. The grass seed contains a mix of The mix contains Sheep fescue, various types of Bluegrass, June grass, and Wheatgrass

ALCLA Native Plants is located in Calgary and provides native plants and seeds for naturalization projects.

2. **Hannas Seeds** 5039-49 St, Lacombe, Alberta | Phone: 403-782-6671 | Toll Free: 800-661-1529  
Hannas Seeds is a retailer, wholesaler, and exporter of alfalfa, clover, grass seeds, and several forage, lawn, pasture, and native grass mixtures. See more <http://www.hannasseeds.com/#sthash.P75VuBQf.dpuf>

3. **Apache Seed** 10136 149 St NW, Edmonton, AB T5P 1L1 | Phone: 780-489-4245  
Ask for Pigeon Lake Blend which is a mix of Fescues (\$6.50 / lbs). (Note: call ahead to verify inventory)

**Pigeon Lake Blend** 40 Creeping Red Fescue | 20 Sheep's Fescue | 20 Tall Fescue | 20 Perennial Rye Grass  
Consider a 10% admixture of Dutch White Clover to add soil nitrogen for a very lake friendly lawn

4. **Brett Young** RR #4, Hwy 60 & Hwy 39, 49469 Rge Rd 263 Calmar, AB T0C 0V0 | Phone: 780-985-7300  
| Toll Free: 800-359-5503

Provides various grass seeds and mixes in 10 lbs and 50 lbs bags, great for contractors and municipalities. Custom seed mixes can also be ordered. They also have white and purple clover seeds.

**T9 Drought Tolerant Seed Mix** 35 Aberdeen Creeping Red Fescue | 25 Shallow III Chewings Fescue | 20 Sheep Fescue | 20 Hard Fescue

### Adding Nutrients

The lake friendly maintenance practices in combination with the use of fescue-based seed mixes and clover will provide a long-term low maintenance turf that does not need the addition of any fertilizer. For turf repairs or boosting areas of poor establishment, consider organic composts.

**Home Compost Bin or Pile:** Ideally, nutrients already in the watershed should be used. A mix of brown (leaves, etc) plus greens (from the kitchen) make the best compost. A page on composting will be developed to help ensure that proper composting is achieved.

**Commercial Compost:** compost can be obtained in bags or in bulk from a number of landscape supplies. Ask for non-manure or vegetable-based compost.

[Organic Approaches to Promoting Soil Nutrient Management](https://bit.ly/2ZIUrdw) (<https://bit.ly/2ZIUrdw>)



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