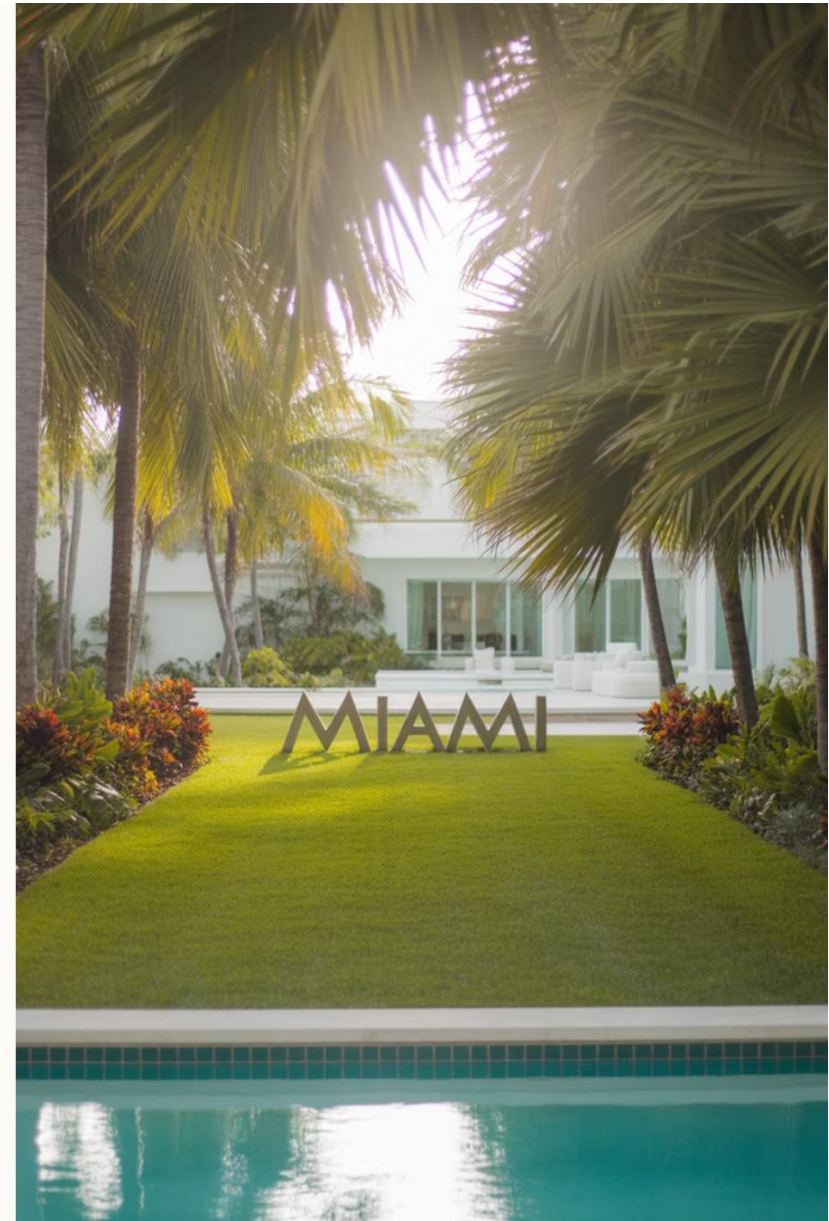


Florida's Top 3 Grass Types for Miami Landscapes

Discover the perfect sod varieties for your South Florida property. Our expert guide explores the most successful grass types specifically suited for Miami's unique tropical climate and soil conditions.

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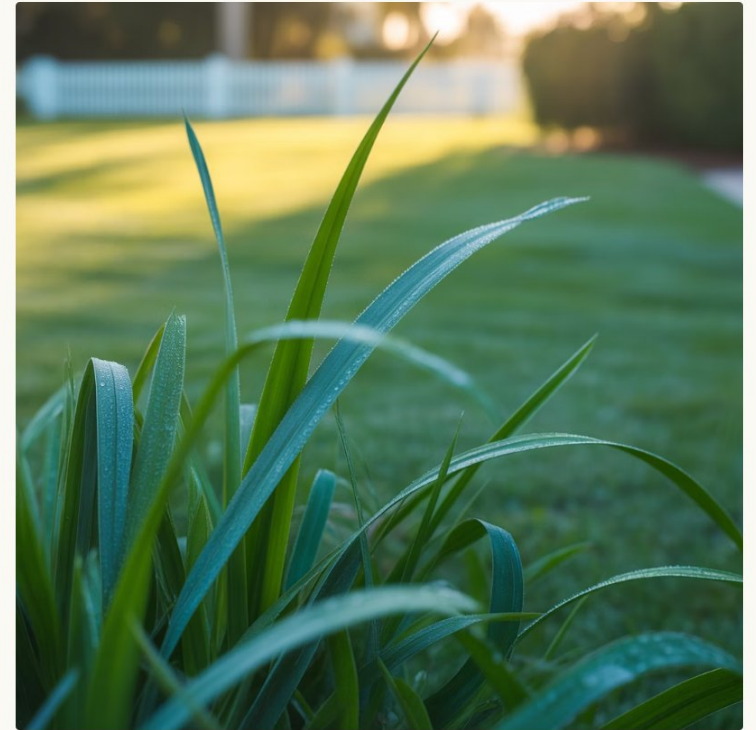
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St. Augustine Grass: The Lush Florida Favorite

Description: St. Augustine is a thick, carpet-like grass with broad, blue-green blades that create a dense turf. Its aggressive growth pattern helps it quickly establish and outcompete weeds.

Uses: Ideal for residential lawns, commercial properties, and shaded areas. Excellent salt tolerance makes it perfect for coastal Miami properties.



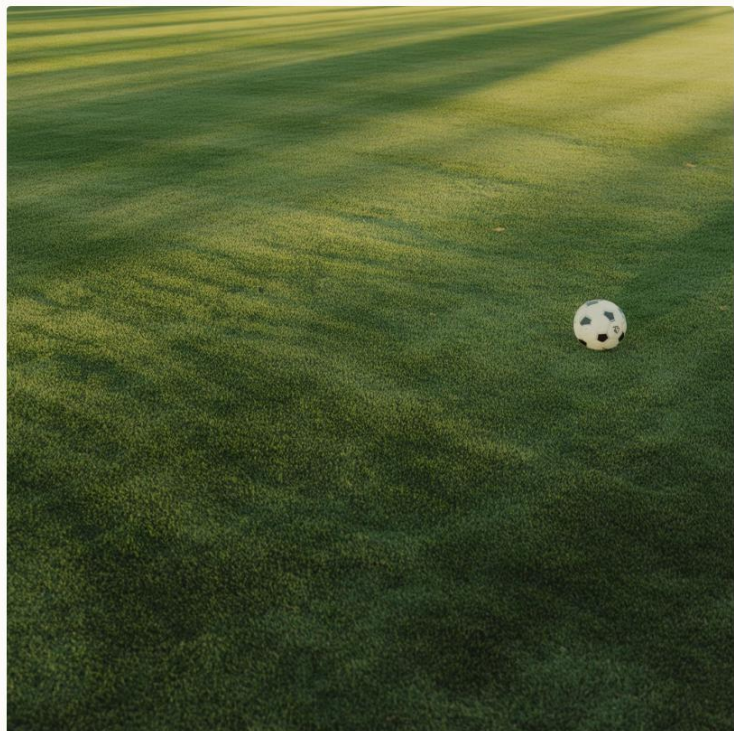
Coverage

One pallet covers approximately 400-450 square feet, depending on the supplier and grass variety.

Conditions

Thrives in Miami's humid climate with partial shade to full sun. Prefers well-drained but moist soils with pH 6.0-7.5.

Bermuda Grass: The Durable Athletic Option



Description: Bermuda grass features fine-textured blades with a vibrant green color and impressive density. It creates a carpet-like appearance with excellent wear resistance.

Uses: Perfect for high-traffic areas, sports fields, golf courses, and sunny residential lawns. Its drought tolerance makes it economical for large properties.

Coverage

One pallet typically covers 450-500 square feet, offering excellent value for larger installations.

Conditions

Requires full sun (minimum 6 hours daily). Thrives in Miami's heat but goes dormant in cooler months. Drought-resistant once established.

Zoysia Grass: The Low-Maintenance Beauty



Description

Medium to fine-textured with a dense growth habit. Forms a thick, carpet-like turf with exceptional wear tolerance. Soft to the touch with an attractive emerald to blue-green color.

Coverage

One pallet covers approximately 400-450 square feet, similar to St. Augustine coverage.



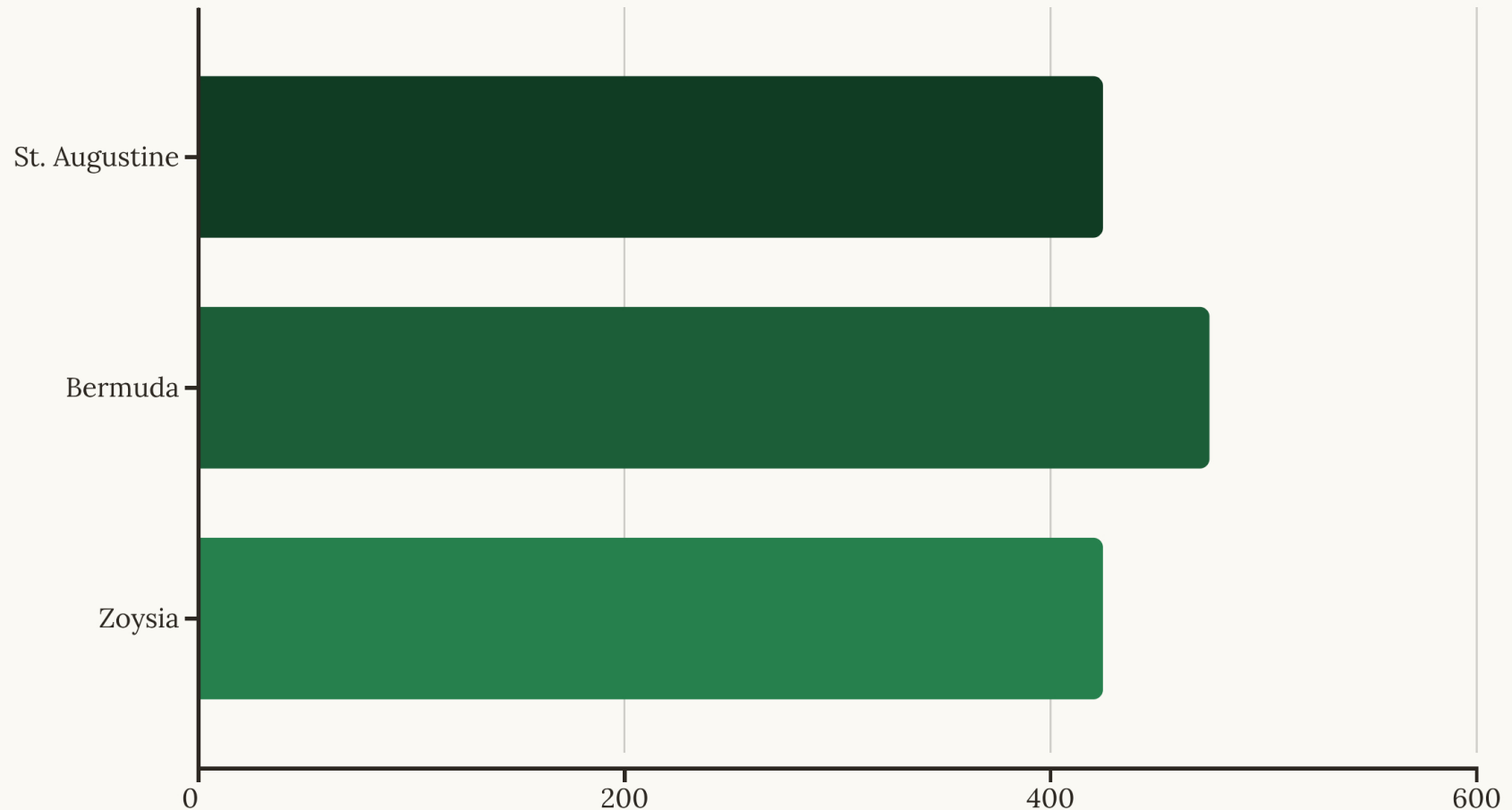
Ideal Uses

Perfect for residential lawns, moderate-traffic commercial properties, and golf course fairways. Excellent transition grass that combines heat tolerance with good shade adaptation.

Conditions

Tolerates partial shade to full sun. Drought-resistant once established. Adapts to various soil types with pH 5.8-7.0.

Comparing Coverage: How Many Square Feet Per Pallet



Coverage varies slightly by supplier, grass variety, and cutting specifications. For large projects, we recommend calculating an additional 5-10% to account for waste during installation and irregular areas.

i Need help calculating how many pallets you need? Contact our Miami sod experts for a free consultation and accurate estimate based on your exact property dimensions.



Optimal Growing Conditions for Miami's Climate

Temperature

Miami's year-round warmth (65-90°F) creates ideal growing conditions for all three grass types. Bermuda and Zoysia may brown slightly during rare cold snaps, while St. Augustine maintains better winter color.

Rainfall & Irrigation

Miami receives approximately 60 inches of annual rainfall, primarily during summer months. Supplemental irrigation is needed during dry periods, with St. Augustine requiring the most consistent moisture.

Soil Conditions

Miami's sandy, alkaline soils (pH 7.5-8.5) present challenges. St. Augustine performs best in these conditions, while Bermuda and Zoysia may require soil amendments for optimal growth.

Installation and Maintenance Requirements



Best Installation Time

Late spring through early fall, when temperatures consistently remain above 65°F. Avoid winter installation when growth is slower.

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Fertilization (times/year)

All grass types benefit from regular fertilization with higher nitrogen content during peak growing season.



Watering Needs

Daily for first 2 weeks, then 2-3 times weekly. St. Augustine requires the most water, Bermuda the least.



Mowing Height

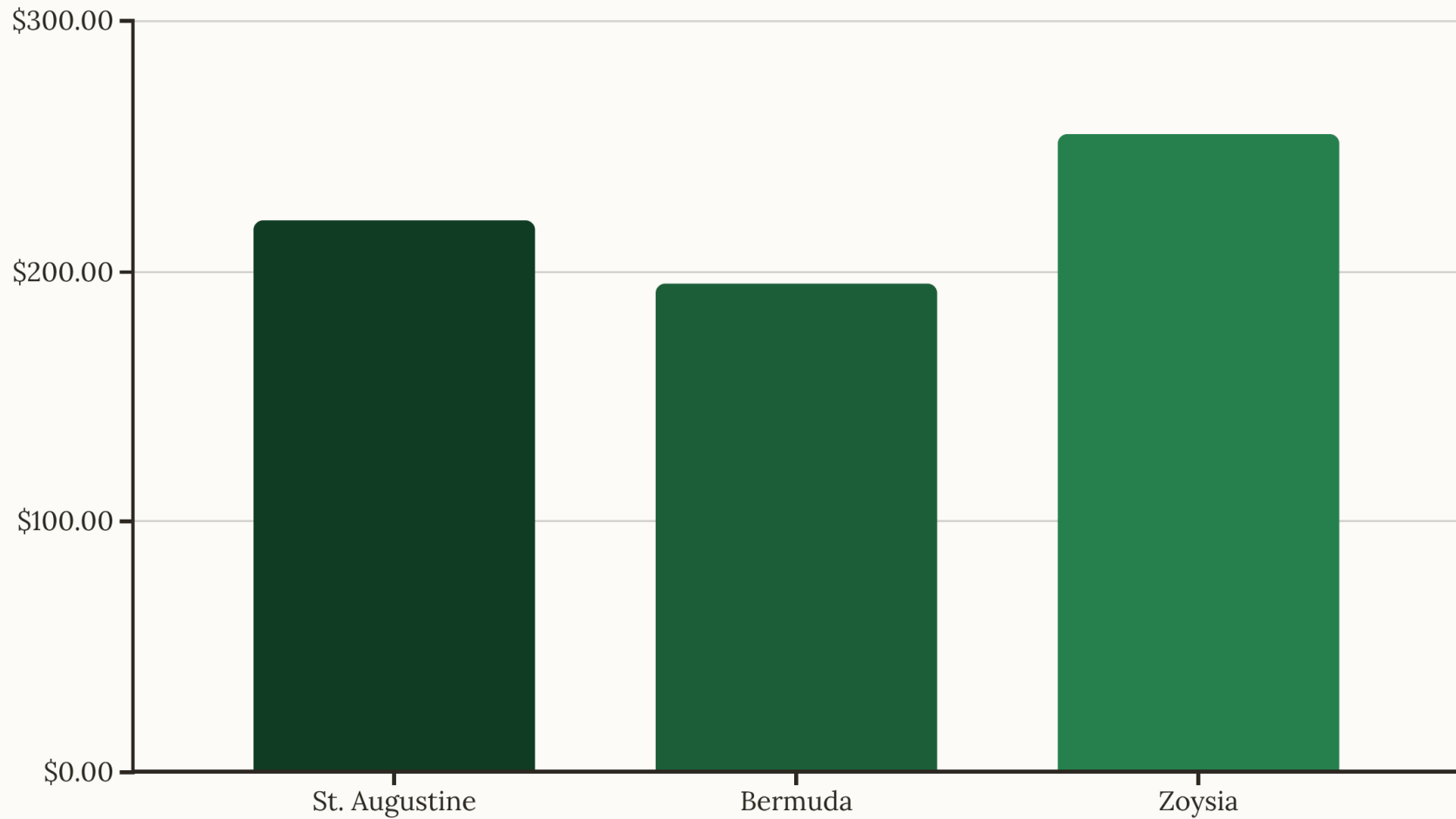
St. Augustine: 3-4 inches Bermuda: 1-2 inches Zoysia: 1.5-2.5 inches

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Dethatching (times/year)

Bermuda and Zoysia develop thatch more quickly than St. Augustine and may require more frequent dethatching.

Cost Comparison and Value Analysis



Long-Term Value

While Zoysia has the highest initial cost, its reduced maintenance requirements and exceptional durability often make it more economical over 5+ years.

Installation Costs

Professional installation typically adds \$0.50-\$0.75 per square foot. DIY installation is possible but requires proper preparation and timely placement.

Common Pests and Disease Solutions



Chinch Bugs

Primary pest affecting St. Augustine grass. Creates yellow to brown patches that expand rapidly. Control with insecticides containing bifenthrin or proper irrigation practices.



Brown Patch

Fungal disease affecting all three grass types, especially during humid conditions. Creates circular brown areas. Treat with fungicides containing azoxystrobin.



Resistance Comparison

Bermuda offers best overall pest/disease resistance. Zoysia has moderate resistance. St. Augustine is most susceptible but performs better with proper maintenance.

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