

Beginning January 1, 2007, the City of San Antonio began requiring residential and commercial builders to install turf grass with 60-day summer dormancy capabilities.

The following list of approved grass varieties were chosen for their ability to survive with very little or no water for 60 days:

## **BexarMet-Approved Turf Grass Varieties for Installation by Residential and Commercial Builders**

### **Bermuda Grass**

#### Varieties

Celebration  
Common Bermuda  
GN1  
Grimes EXP  
Tex Turf  
TifSport  
Tifway 419

#### Characteristics

Requires full sun.  
Extremely tolerant to traffic.  
Responds quickly to watering after drought.  
Requires frequent mowing to maintain appearance.  
Frequently goes dormant during the winter.

### **Buffalo Grass**

#### Varieties

Currently, all varieties are approved.

#### Characteristics

Requires full sun.  
Does NOT tolerate traffic well.  
Must be mowed very high – 5 inches or more – or not at all.  
Requires little, if any, watering or fertilizer after establishment.

### **St. Augustine Grass**

#### Varieties

Floratam

#### Characteristics

Prefers dappled shade.  
Does NOT tolerate traffic well.  
Remains relatively green throughout winter.  
Susceptible to fungal diseases if watered excessively during the winter.

### **Zoysia Grass**

#### Varieties

El Toro  
Empire  
Jamur  
Palisades

#### Characteristics

Tolerates both sun and shade.  
Tolerates foot traffic.  
Different cultivars have different drought tolerances.  
Growth is slow compared to St. Augustine and Bermuda.

For more information on turf grasses, contact the BexarMet Water Efficiency Office at (210) 357-5705.