

# Low Maintenance Turfgrass Research Project

## Evaluation Form



This low maintenance lawn or turf research project was planted in 2004, and will be in place for several years.

### The objects of the project are:

1. To establish visible, public plantings new alternative materials along with "controls" (the university's current recommendations for low maintenance turf).
2. To evaluate these materials using Master Gardeners, commercial grounds and turf managers, and the general public to determine the acceptability of these plants under low maintenance conditions.
3. To continue to educate the public, grounds personnel, and Master Gardeners about the best management practices for lawns and turfgrasses.

### *Add your input to this project!*

We welcome you to rate the plots and send us your input. Complete the form on the back of this leaflet and mail to:

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For more information see the following website:

[www.turf.umn.edu/lowmaintenance](http://www.turf.umn.edu/lowmaintenance)

# Low Maintenance Turfgrass Trials

# Public Evaluation Form

Tell Us What YOU Think. Rate the Plots. Tell us which ones you like the best.

Each type of grass is planted in 3 plots, so you can look at 3 places to see the same plants. Tell us your favorite and what you would plant in your own yard or grounds. Each plot has three cutting heights: 2", 4" and no mow (mowed in June and October).

Plots with no mowing: Are any of these acceptable? \_\_\_\_\_ Which ones: \_\_\_\_\_

Plots with 4" height of cut: Is this length acceptable to you? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Which is the best height of cut: 2" \_\_\_\_\_ 4" \_\_\_\_\_ no mow \_\_\_\_\_

Ecology mix has clover and yarrow along with grasses. How do you feel about the appearance of this mix?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I like it \_\_\_\_\_ ok \_\_\_\_\_ looks weedy \_\_\_\_\_ no opinion \_\_\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_

Use the following rating: NO = would not plant this MAYBE = might use this YES = happy to grow this

Trade/Common Name/Abbreviation	Rating	Best/Favorite
1. Barkoel, BK, <i>Koeleria cristata</i>	_____	_____
2. Barleria, BL, <i>Koeleria cristata</i>	_____	_____
3. Barcampsia, BC, <i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>	_____	_____
4. Barpressa, PC, <i>Poa compressa</i>	_____	_____
5. No Mow, NM; fine fescues	_____	_____
6. Ecology Lawn Mix, E, per rye, clover, yarrow _____	_____	_____
7. Wolfpack Tall Fescue, WOLF	_____	_____
8. Bingo Tall Fescue, BINGO	_____	_____
9. Grande Tall Fescue, GRANDE	_____	_____
10. Sunny Mix, S;K bluegrass, per.rye, fine fescue _____	_____	_____

Low Maintenance Plot Layout

North at Rosemount (toward Rt. 46)  
 West at St Paul (toward Cleveland Ave)

S	NM	WOLF	BINGO	BC
3' walkway				
E	BL	GRANDE	PC	BK
3' walkway				
WOLF	NM	S	BK	GRANDE
3' walkway				
BC	BINGO	BL	PC	E
3' walkway				
BINGO	PC	BL	BK	BC
3' walkway				
WOLF	NM	E	S	GRANDE

