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TURF TYPES

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St. Augustine – This is the predominant turf throughout the fronts and side of the homes throughout Cardel Villas.

St. Augustine is a coarse, perennial, warm season grass that spreads by stolons (aboveground) but not rhizomes (underground.) St. Augustine grows in a variety of soils and will tolerate some shade, lots of heat, salt, and some drought. It doesn't like to be waterlogged, and it can't tolerate very cold temperatures.

St. Augustine will turn brown and dormant in the winter. St. Augustine cannot withstand cold winter temperatures which is why it does best in southern areas. However, it will retain its color longer at lower temperatures than bermudagrass, down to 10 degrees, and it does fine in very hot weather.

St. Augustine may go into premature dormancy without water. Although it loves the heat, it will turn brown if it doesn't get adequate water. It is susceptible to chinch bugs and also fungus.



Bahia Grass – This grass is predominately in common areas away from the homes and in the backyards of the homes. The backyards where this grass is located is not irrigated.

Bahiagrass is a low to mid maintenance grass. It is a tough, coarse bladed grass that is capable of surviving in conditions that would destroy most turf grasses. One important characteristic of Bahiagrass is it's capability to withstand weather extremes. Bahiagrass thrives in areas where the weather extremes cycle through periods of drought to heavy rains and back to drought again. Bahiagrass is very deep rooted (Up to 8ft deep!). Bahiagrass is extremely tolerant to wear and traffic and is commonly used as a roadside grass, particularly in Florida because of it's capability to withstand traffic.

Bahia grass will turn brown during the dormant winter months and it will completely shut down in terms of growth during the dormant season. After a frost or freeze, Bahia may go up to a month without having to be mowed.



Common Bermuda – This grass is scattered throughout various areas of the community where it has encroached from a variety of reasons from seeds on tires, birds, shoes, etc. It is invasive and will overtake St. Augustine turf areas that are thin in areas.

Common Bermuda is drought resistant, grows in many soils and make a good turf if fertilized and mowed correctly. Common Bermuda produces many unsightly seedheads, but is frequently used in sports fields, parks and golf courses.

It prefers full sun light and can withstand heavy traffic. It does have a tendency to turn brown very quickly with the first drop in temperature.

