

# QUICK TRANSITION FOR BERMUDA TURF



Sudden browning after a hard transition

**Grayhawk's landscape will have a more abrupt switch from Ryegrass to Bermuda turf this year, commonly called a quick or hard transition. Here's some key information about this process in your Community.**

As the night time temperatures in the Southwest start to creep up into the 60s, the Bermuda grass, which has been dormant all winter, begins to wake up and grow. As daytime temperatures exceed 90 degrees, the winter Ryegrass should begin to recede.

Typically, landscape vendors chose a slow transition method - a gradual process that lasts from the beginning of April through the end of June. But when warm weather arrives, the Ryegrass competes with the dormant Bermuda for sunlight, water and nutrients. This competition can result in a sparse, weak Bermuda crop.

## What is a Hard Turf Transition?

A hard transition is abrupt - we treat Ryegrass turf to eliminate the competition between varieties. The Ryegrass quickly dies and allows the Bermuda grass to reestablish itself sooner.

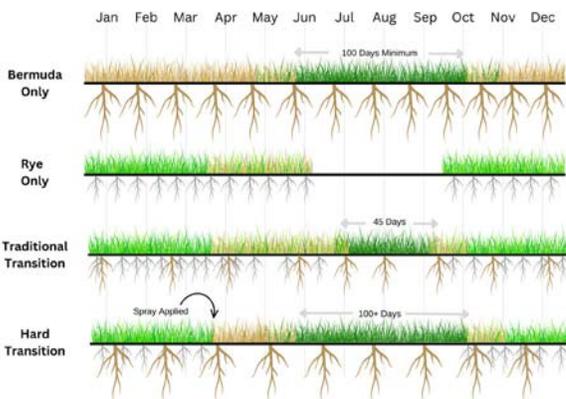
By opting to rapidly get rid of the Ryegrass, we are able to provide the much needed 100 days of growth for the Bermuda to establish and sustain itself, creating a stronger crop of Bermuda.

## What are Other Benefits of a Hard Transition?

Providing Bermuda grass with an adequate amount of time to establish strengthens the root system while also allowing the Bermuda to store the necessary nutrients for the winter needed for vigorous growth the next spring.

## What will I see in my common areas?

The first week of May, we'll start the process and overseeded turf will go from green to brown in 7 to 10 days. Bermuda should begin filling in and greening up for the summer!



A hard transition gives Bermuda its crucial 100 day growing window



Healthy, green Bermuda turf at Grayhawk