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GREAT GRASS GIVEAWAY BEGINS MAY 1

WAKE FOREST, NC – April 28, 2009 – Most lawns in our area are planted with fescue grass. Fescue is a cool season grass that isn't well-suited to surviving our region's long, hot summers. In order to keep it alive, fescue requires approximately one inch of water per week contributing to the depletion of our area's water supply.

Beginning May 1, the Town of Wake Forest is introducing an initiative designed to promote water conservation by giving away warm season grass seed for those willing to convert their fescue lawns. As part of the Town's "Great Grass Giveaway" Wake Forest will provide enough bermuda grass seed to cover up to 8,000 square-feet of lawn to any Wake Forest homeowner willing to plant a new lawn or reseed his/her lawn with bermuda grass seed.

Bermuda grass is a more drought-tolerant variety of grass requiring approximately one-third the water of fescue.

To qualify for the free bermuda grass seed, Wake Forest residents must simply agree to remove the fescue grass from their lawn. The program is not designed for residents with existing bermuda or other warm season grass seed lawns.

To schedule a time to pick up your free bermuda grass seed, contact [Betty Pearce](#) at (919) 554-6120.

The "Great Grass Giveaway" program will continue on a first come, first served basis until the supply of bermuda grass seed is exhausted.

For more information about the "Great Grass Giveaway," including bermuda grass planting instructions, visit the Town's website at www.wakeforestnc.gov/greatgrassgiveaway.aspx.

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