Salt-Tolerant Lawn Grasses

Today on Gardening in a Minute: salt-tolerant lawn grasses.

Many Floridians choose to live near the coast so they can enjoy the blue waters and ocean breezes. But coastal gardeners know that the salty air can make it tough to grow some plants, including lawn grasses.

Some grasses with good salt tolerance, such as seashore paspalum or bermudagrass, have high maintenance requirements that are better suited for locations like athletic fields and golf courses that are professionally managed.

Grasses with good salinity tolerance include most varieties of zoysia and St. Augustinegrass. While they won’t tolerate watering with ocean water, they can stand some salt spray and coastal conditions fairly well.

If you live in a coastal area and have had a lot of trouble getting a lawn to grow, another option is to plant a salt-tolerant ground cover.

For more information about lawn grasses and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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