

# Santa Anna Couch

Santa Anna Couch is summer active grass and is commonly used on domestic lawns in South Australia.



## Appearance

It has a fine leaf and is bright green in colour giving it the overall appearance of fine carpet.

Santa Anna has a very tight-knit growth habit that tends to thatch up and become spongy very quickly requiring regular coring / scarifying.

Like all couch grasses, **Santa Anna is dormant in winter from around May to September/October which means it does not actively grow.**

## Why choose Santa Anna

- Prefers a position in **full sun**
- Ideally suited to playing surfaces
- Dense coverage.
- good for manicured lawn to show off its carpet like quality



## General info

- Susceptible to weed infestation through the air and also from the soil underneath when dormant
- Weeds generally tend to be choked out when the couch starts actively growing again.
- Santa Anna prefers a position in full sun.
- Best planted September to May.
- If planted in dormancy will look off colour or even brown when receive and wont take root till spring there for needs to be watered day & night until does even if it rains

## Watering

- Must be deep watered for up to 21 days after laying -
- The need for summer watering can be guided by the colour of the grass, if it turns a blue/grey shade, this indicates that it is stressed and in need of watering as soon as possible.
- However, usually once weekly should be sufficient, depending on climate. This can be reduced as needed in cooler months.

## Mowing

- Santa Anna Couch requires a straightforward maintenance program of watering, mowing and fertilizing.
- Recommended mowing height for couch grasses is approximately 13-15mm.
- Coring/scarifying is required approximately every two years depending on your mowing habits.

## Fertilising

- All purpose lawn food should be applied 4 weeks after laying and then another 3 times during the year.
- Regular weed control is required, particularly in winter months.

<b>DROUGHT TOLERANCE</b>	<b>7 / 10</b>
<b>WEAR &amp; DURABILITY</b>	<b>7.5 / 10</b>
<b>SHADE TOLERANCE</b>	<b>3 / 10</b>
<b>LOW MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>7.5 / 10</b>



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