

All About Moss

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We will not pretend that we know all the botanical names of the moss we grow, mostly it developed without our help. But we do believe strongly in the use of it.

It is a wonderful alternative for troubled shade spots, which will only grow grass at great expense.

To get started it is important to acidify the soil. If you have clay, that is already a given, but it will not hurt to get the ground started with several applications of white vinegar (1-2 Tablespoons per Gallon), or an equal application of 'MIRACID'.

One of those adjustable lawn sprayers is really good for this. Some people have tried the Blender/Buttermilk method (we never did).

Here is how to do it:

Take two cups moss you have found or purchased, put it with a quart of buttermilk and one table spoon of Karo Syrup into your blender or a paint mixer, spin it and spread it. Worth a try.

Once established, the maintenance is very minimal. In Spring we may take a battery powered weed eater, to keep out some of the grass that will try to grow. For larger quantities of weeds you can spotspray Roundup directly on the weeds only in temperatures over 40 and under 80 degrees. The moss will suffer a little and may discolor a few weeks.

In Summer the shade and the heat will not require much maintenance at all. No additional irrigation required either, surprisingly.

Fall and Winter we make sure, to allow as few leaves on it as possible. For this we use now our riding mower, with a high setting, so it acts like a blower, or for hard to get places a rake or a blower.

We hope you will have a lot of luck with it, enjoy!

Thank you for your interest.

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