

Dichondra is a warm-season perennial, small prostrate plant native to New Zealand and many parts of Australia. Dichondra spreads via above-ground nodes to form a mat not over 1 ½ to 3 inches tall. The kidney-shaped to nearly circular leaves resembles a lily pad. The white to greenish small flowers are borne in clusters below the level of the leaf. Dichondra is cultivated as a ground cover in some states.

While Dichondra grows well in warm temperatures, it also is winter hardy, withstanding light frost. It will require supplemental water, nitrogen, and well-drained soil, but is otherwise a low-maintenance ground cover. Dichondra is moderately shade tolerant but does not tolerate traffic. This makes it suitable for under moderately shaded trees where Bermuda will not grow and areas where there is little to no foot traffic as an ornamental ground cover.

Planting Rates

3 pounds of seed per 1,000 square feet.



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