

# Bermudagrass Home Lawn Care

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## BERMUDAGRASS MAINTENANCE CALENDAR

ACTIVITY	Jan	Feb	March	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Establish or Renovate				X	XXXX	XX						
Dethatching		X	XXXX	XXXX								
Mowing			1.5-2"	1.5-2"	2"	2.5"	2.5"	2.5"	2.5"	2.5"		
Fertilization - Quick Release				F	F	F	F	F				
Fertilization - Slow Release				F		F		F				
Watering			.5"/wk	.5"/wk	1"/wk	1"/wk	1"/wk	1"/wk	1"/wk	.5"/wk	.5"/wk	
Weed Control - Preemergent		XX	X					XX	XX			
Weed Control - Postemergent	glypho	sate			-Cra	bgrass	& Nut	sedge	--			
					-Bro	adleaf	--		Dande	lion		
White Grub Control							Merit	XX	XX			
Aerification		X	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXX						

Note: X = Best time frame for indicated activity.

Watering - Number equals projected water needed on a weekly basis if watering will be practiced.

Mowing - Number listed is the cutting height for each mowing if using low to medium maintenance.

Fertilizing (F) – letter indicates optimum timing. Adjust the amount/timing on intended results.

### ESTABLISHMENT

Sprig: 3-10 bushels/1000 sq. ft.

Seed: 2 pounds/1000 sq. ft.

### CULTIVARS

Fine: TifSport, Riviera, Tifway\*

Medium: Patriot, Yukon, U-3

Coarse: Common\*, Wrangler

(\* has increased winter-kill risk)

### DETHATCHING

Remove thatch thicker than 1/2 in.

### MOWING

Remove no more than 1/3 of the leaf blade at any one time.

Recycle clippings using a mulching mower.



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### WATERING

Apply enough water to wet the soil 6 inches deep. Water grass when footprint impressions remain after walking over lawn.

### FERTILIZING

- Soil test every 3 years, fertilize based on test results.
- Match amount applied to quality and mowing expectation.
- Quick-release program: apply 1 lb. of actual nitrogen per 1000 sq. ft. three to five times a year.
- Slow release program: apply 1 2/3 lbs. of actual nitrogen per 1000 sq. ft. two to three times a year.

## WEED CONTROL (Read and observe all label directions)

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### **Dormant Bermudagrass Postemergent Control** - on dormant bermuda only

glyphosate (ROUNDUP® and similar generics)

### **Preemergent Crabgrass Control - February 20 to March 5**

benefin + trifluralin (TEAM 2G®, FIRST DOWN®)

bensulide (BETASAN®, SCOTT'S WEEDGRASS PREVENTER®, LESCOSAN®),

dithiopyr (DIMENSION®) - pre and post emergent activity

pendamethalin (SCOTT'S HALTS®)

oryzalin (SURFLAN®) - best for sandbur control, added to fertilizer

oryzalin + benefin (XL 2G®, AMAZE®)

prodiamine (BARRICADE®) - added to fertilizer

### **Preemergent Broadleaf Control - August 15 to September 15**

isoxaben (PORTRAIT®) - fall use to prevent winter broadleaf weeds

### **Postemergent Grass Control -**

MSMA - use when daytime temperatures above 80°F

DSMA - use when daytime temperatures above 80°F

CAMA (ORTHO CRABGRASS KILLER®) - use when daytime temperatures above 80°F

### **Postemergent Broadleaf Control -**

2,4-D + MCPP (WEED-B-GON®)

2,4-D + MCPP + dicamba (TRIMEC®, WEED-B-GON®))

### **Postemergent Sedge Control -**

halosulfuron-methyl (MANAGE® or SEDGEHAMMER®)

imazaquin (IMAGE®) - may yellow bermuda, foliar and soil activity

MSMA (MSMA®, CRABGRASS KILLER®) - yellow nutsedge only, may yellow bermuda, use when daytime temperatures above 80°F.

bentazon (BASAGRAN®) - yellow nutsedge only

### **Grass Killer for Edging -**

glyphosate (ROUNDUP®, ROUNDUP PRO®, KLEERAWAY®, KILLZALL®, GLYFOS®)

glufosinate-ammonium (FINALE®)

fluazifop-butyl (GRASS-B-GON®, OVER-THE-TOP WEED & GRASS KILLER®)

sethoxydim (POAST®)

cacodylic acid (LIQUID EDGER®, PHYTAR®)

## GRUB CONTROL

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Products containing MERIT® or MACH II®. Apply during late July - mid-August. Water product into soil.

New products are always becoming available.

## FLEA and TICK CONTROL

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Control fleas and ticks with labeled products. Often these contain cyfluthrin. Treat as needed as per label during the warmer months of the year. New products are always becoming available.

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