

Tall Fescue Home Lawn Care



— Horticulture Information for Oklahomans —

TALL FESCUE MAINTENANCE CALENDAR

ACTIVITY	Jan	Feb	March	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Establish or Overseed		XX	XXXX	X					XX Best	XX		
Mowing	2.5"	2.5"	2.5"	2.5"	2.5"	2.5-3"	2.5-3"	2.5-3"	2.5-3"	2.5"	2.5"	2.5"
Fertilization			F		F?				F		F	
Watering	1"/2wk	1"/2wk	1"/wk	1"/wk	2"/wk	2"/wk	2"/wk	2"/wk	2"/wk	1"/wk	1"/wk	1"/2wk
Weed Control - Preemergent		XXXX	X					X	X			
Weed Control - Postemergent					--Bro	adleaf	--		--Bro	dleaf-		

Note: X = Best time frame for indicated activity.
 Watering - Number equals estimated water need on a weekly basis. Actual need may vary.
 Mowing - Number listed is the cutting height range for each mowing.

ESTABLISHMENT

New Lawn - Seed at label directions or if not available, seed at 4-8 lbs./1000 sq. ft.

Established Lawn - Overseed at 3-4 lbs./1000 sq. ft.

Best Time - Fall
 Second Choice - Spring

CULTIVARS

Varieties with improved color, leaf texture and density include: Crossfire II, Hounddog 5, Cambridge, Shenandoah II, Olympic Gold, Wolfpack, Mustang II, Millennium, Rembrandt, and Plantation. Many other good varieties are available.



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MOWING

Mow at 2.5 - 3". Remove no more than 1/3 of the top growth at any one time. Recycle by removing the lawn catcher or use a mulching mower.

WATERING

Keep soil moist during establishment. Once mature, apply enough water gradually to wet the soil 4 - 6 inches deep. Water mature grass when footprint impressions remain after walking over lawn.

FERTILIZING

- Soil test every 3 years.
- Apply 1 lb. of actual nitrogen per 1000 sq. ft. in March, early May, late September and late November.
- Avoid fertilizing in June - August.



WEED CONTROL - Read and follow all label

directions!

Preemergent Grass Control - (remember do not apply prior to seeding or laying sod)

prodiamine (BARRICADE®)

dithiopyr (DIMENSION®)

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

pendamethalin (SCOTT'S HALTS®, PRE-M®, PENDULUM®)

oryzalin (SURFLAN®)- if Kentucky bluegrass is present, consider another herbicide

oryzalin + benefin (XL 2G®, AMAZE®) - if bluegrass is present, consider another herbicide

siduron (TUPERSAN®) - use only if seeding in spring seeding time, in fescue only.

TUPERSAN® is weak but is the only preemergent herbicide that can be used at seeding time.

If not seeding in spring, use another preemergent herbicide as others provide longer crabgrass control.

Preemergent Broadleaf Control -

isoxaben (GALLERY®, PORTRAIT®)

Postemergent Broadleaf Control -

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

Postemergent Nutsedge Control -

halosulfuron-methyl (SEdgeHAMMER®, MANAGE®) - effective on yellow and purple nutsedge

bentazon (BASAGRAN®) - yellow nutsedge only

Grass Killer for Edging - (do not use these over the lawn)

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

glufosinate-ammonium (FINALE®)

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

cacodylic acid (LIQUID EDGER®, PHYTAR®)

GRUB CONTROL

Scotts® GRUB Ex®, Ortho® GRUB-B-GON®, Merit®, MACH II®, Bayer SEASON-LONG GRUB CONTROL® perform best when applied in late July, August or early September. Read the label before you buy the product. Many effective products exist and product names change frequently.

FLEA and TICK CONTROL

Control fleas and ticks with Bayer LAWN AND GARDEN MULTI-INSECT KILLER®, Ortho BUG B GONE®, Spectracide BUG STOP® or SEVIN® as needed in warmer weather. Read the label before you buy the product. Many effective products exist and product names change frequently.

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