# BERMUDAGRASS MAINTENANCE CALENDAR

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**Note:** X = Best time frame for indicated activity.

**Watering** - Number equals projected maximum water needed on a weekly basis. Try to reduce water amount and frequency for water savings.

**Mowing** - Number listed is the cutting height for each mowing if using medium to low maintenance (Regime 1) and high maintenance (Regime 2).

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

**White grub control** – P = preventive insecticides; C = curative insecticides (see notes below). Not all lawns need treatment, please determine if actually needed.

**ESTABLISHMENT**
Three to ten bushels sprigs/1,000 sq. ft. or 2 pounds coated seed/1,000 sq. ft.

**CULTIVARS**
*Fine:* Tifway, Latitude 36, NorthBridge, Patriot  
*Medium:* Astro, Riviera, Yukon, U-3, Jibilee blend (Riviera + Transcontinental)

**DETHATCHING**
Remove thatch thicker than ½ in.

**MOWING**
Remove no more than 1/3 of the leaf blade at any one time. Recycle clippings using a mulching mower. Regime 1 is for a higher mowing height, Regime 2 is for shorter mowing height.

**WATERING**
Suggested amounts are only estimates. Always adjust watering schedule based on rain. Water when footprints appear in grass after walking over lawn. Consider having a non-irrigated brown bermuda lawn for community water savings during severe drought.

**FERTILIZING**
- Soil test every three years; fertilize based on test results. Don’t apply phosphorus to lawns that already test adequate for this nutrient.
- Match amount applied to quality and mowing expectations.
- Quick-release program: apply up to 1 lb. of actual nitrogen per 1,000 sq. ft. three to five times a year.
**CONSUMER/RESIDENTIAL WEED CONTROL** (Observe all label directions)

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

glyphosate (ROUNDUP® and similar generics if labeled)

**Preemergent Crabgrass (Grassy Weed) Control and Preemergent Broadleaf** - January 1 to March 5 for first application. Follow label directions for second application information. (pick only one, products with “**” are best)

- isoxaben (PORTRAIT or GALLERY)
- bensulide (BETASAN®, SCOTT’S WEEDESSS PREVENTERS)
- dithiopyr** (DIMENSION® and others)
- pendamethalin** (Pendulum, SCOTT’S HALTS® and many others)
- oryzalin** (SURFLAN® and others)
- oryzalin** + benefin (XL 2Gs, AMAZE®)
- prodiamine** (BARRICADE® and others)

**Preemergent Broadleaf Control – August 25 to September 15**

Preemergent Broadleaf Control – broadcast or spot treatment

WEED-B-GON®, TRIMEC®, Bayer Lawn Weed & Crabgrass Killers®, Spectracide Weed Stop For Lawns®, Ortho Weed–B-Gone Max plus Crabgrass Controls®, SpeedZone.

Postemergent Sedge Control –

halosulfuron-methyl ( SEDGEHAMMER®) or sulfosulfuron (Certainty®)

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

bentazon (BASAGRAN®) - yellow nutedge only

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

glyphosate (ROUNDUP®, ROUNDPUP PRO®, KILLZALL®, GLYFOS® and many more)

glufosinate-ammonium (FINALE)

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

sethoxydim - (ferti-lome® Over-The-Top II Grass Killer, Grass Getter®, and POAST®)

**WHITE GRUB CONTROL**

**Preventive (P):** Products containing imidacloprid (Bayer Advanced Seasonlong Grub Control®, Merit®), clothianidin (Arena®, Green Light Grub Control with Arena®), chlorantraniliprole (Acelepryn®, Scott’s GrubEx®), or halofenozide (Natural Guard Grub Control®), cyantraniliprole (Ference)

Apply late April to mid-May.

**Curative (C):** Products containing trichlorfon (Dylox®, Bayer Advanced™ 24 Hour Grub Killer), clothianidin (Arena®, Green Light Grub Control with Arena®) or carbaryl (Sevin). Apply August through September when grub damage appears. Irrigate after application to activate the product.

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