BERMUDAGRASS LAWN CALENDAR

B Best month | **P** Possible Month | **M** Marginal month

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
MOWING HEIGHT: Common bermuda: 1"-2" Hybrid bermuda: 1/2"-1 1/2" Remove no more than 1/3 total height at one time.				OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK		
WATER: 1 inch per week if no rainfall. Sod laid in fall or winter months must not be allowed to dry; water as needed.	new sod	new sod	new sod	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	new sod	new sod	new sod
FERTILIZATION: Use any turf fertilizer. Follow label directions and rate.				P	B	B	B	B	P			
IDEAL pH RANGE: 5.5- 6.5 Use dolomitic lime per soil test recommendation. Can be applied at any time.	B	B	B	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	B	B
AERATION: Use a core aerator during active growth season.				P	B	B	B	P				
DETHATCH: If thatch exceeds .5" deep use a vertical mower with blades 1" apart; go over the lawn only two directions. Topdressing with .25" of soil is most effective.					P	B	B	P				
SEEDING - NEW LAWN*: Unhulled seed: 5 - 8 lb. per 1000 sq. feet. Hulled seed: 1 lb. per 1000 sq. ft				P	B	B	B	P				
OVERSEEDING - ESTABLISHED LAWN*: 5 - 10 lb. ryegrass seed per 1000 sq. feet									P	B	P	
SODDING 500 sq. ft. per pallet	M	M	P	P	B	B	B	P	P	M	M	M
WEED CONTROL: Read product label carefully to determine which weeds are controlled and on which grasses the product can be used.												
Spring pre-emergent* (prevents crabgrass, goosegrass and other summer weed seeds from sprouting)		P	B	P								
Broadleaf post-emergent * (spot spray to kill broadleaf plants like chickweed, wild violet, dandelion, wild onion, etc)	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
Grassy weed post-emergent* (kills grassy weeds like crabgrass, dallisgrass, etc. Do not apply to drought-stressed Bermuda.)					B	B	P	P				
Winter pre-emergent* (prevents chickweed and other winter weed seeds from sprouting)									B	P		

***Read weed control product labels carefully. Some products can not be applied to lawns that will be seeded within a few weeks or when transitioning to active growth.**

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