ST. AUGUSTINEGRASS 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: 2" - 3" ; raise 1/2 inch higher in hot weather. Remove no more than 1/3 total height at one time.				OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK			
WATER: 1 inch per week if no rainfall				OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK			
FERTILIZATION: Use any turf fertilizer two or three times per year. Follow label directions and rate.					B	B	B	B	B			
IDEAL pH RANGE: 5.5 - 6.5 Use dolomitic lime per soil test. Can be applied at any time.												
AERATION: Use a core aerator during active growth season.			P	P	B	B	B	P				
DETHATCH: If thatch exceeds .5 inch deep use a vertical mower with blades 1" apart and go over lawn only once. Topdressing with .25" soil is most effective.					P	P						
SEEDING - NEW LAWN: St. Augustine cannot be established from seed.												
OVERSEEDING - ESTABLISHED LAWN: Overseeding with ryegrass in winter is not recommended.												
SODDING 500 sq. ft. per pallet typical				P	B	B	B	P				
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)		B	B	M								
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
Grassy weed post-emergent - there are no herbicides available for control of grassy weeds in St. Augustine												
Winter pre-emergent * (prevents chickweed and other winter weed seeds from sprouting)									B	P	M	

*** Read weed control product labels carefully. Some products can not be applied when grass is transitioning to active growth.**

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