

Bermuda 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 OR				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					X	XX			
Weed Control - Postemergent	glypho	sate			-Cra -Bro	bgrass adleaf	& Nut --	sedge	-- Dan	delion		
White Grub Control				P	PP			CC	CC			
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.

White grub control – P = preventive insecticides; C = curative insecticides (see notes below).

ESTABLISHMENT

Sprig: 3-10 bushels/1000 sq. ft.
Seed: 2 pounds/1000 sq. ft.

CULTIVARS

Fine: TifSport, Tifway*
Medium: Patriot, Yukon, U-3,
Midiron

Coarse: Common*

(* has increased winter-kill risk.
Note, Princess 77 and Sahara
have severe 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.

WATERING

Suggested amounts are only
estimates. Always adjust
watering schedule based on
natural precipitation. Water grass
when footprint impressions
remain after walking over lawn.
Consider having a non-irrigated
brown bermuda lawn for
community water savings during
severe drought.

FERTILIZING

- Soil test every 3 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
expectation.
- Quick-release program:
apply 1 lb. of actual
nitrogen per 1000 sq. ft.
three to five times a year.
- Or slow release program:
apply 1 2/3 lbs. of actual
nitrogen per 1000 sq. ft.
two to three times a year.

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WEED CONTROL (Read and observe all label directions)

Dormant Bermudagrass Postemergent Control - on dormant bermuda only

glyphosate (ROUNDUP® and similar generics if labeled)

Preemergent Crabgrass Control - February 20 to March 5 (pick only 1, products with “” are best)**

bensulide (BETASAN®, SCOTT’S WEEDGRASS PREVENTER®)

dithiopyr** (DIMENSION®) - pre emergent activity

pendamethalin** (SCOTT’S HALTS® and many others)

oryzalin** (SURFLAN®) - on fertilizer particle

oryzalin** + benefin (XL 2G®, AMAZE®)

prodiamine** (BARRICADE®) - on fertilizer particle

Preemergent Broadleaf Control - August 25 to September 15

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

Postemergent Crabgrass Control - used in spot treatment

MSMA, DSMA, CAMA - no longer available, but please use up existing stocks as per the label when daytime temperatures are above 80°F

Quinchlorac - (Drive®) used in place of MSMA for post-emergent crabgrass control

Bayer “Lawn Weed & Crabgrass Killer I” (2,4-D, Dicamba, Quinchlorac) or Spectracide “Weed Stop For Lawns” (2,4-D, Dicamba, Quinchlorac, Sulfentrazone) or Ortho “Weed-B-Gone Max plus Crabgrass Control” can be used if both crabgrass and broadleaves are present

Postemergent Broadleaf Control - broadcast or spot treatment

WEED-B-GON®, TRIMEC®, Bayer Lawn Weed & Crabgrass Killer I®, Spectracide Weed Stop For Lawns® or Ortho Weed-B-Gone Max plus Crabgrass Control®.

Postemergent Sedge Control -

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

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

bentazon (BASAGRAN®) - yellow nutsedge only

MSMA - many products containing MSMA can still be used for yellow nutsedge control but are no longer available for purchase. Use up MSMA as per the label. Use when daytime temps above 80°F.

Grass Killer for Edging -

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

glufosinate-ammonium (FINALE®)

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

sethoxydim (POAST®)

while cacodylic acid (LIQUID EDGER®, PHYTAR®) is no longer available, please use up existing product as per label directions

WHITE GRUB CONTROL

Preventive (P): Products containing imidacloprid (Merit®), clothianidin (Arena®, Green Light Grub Control with Arena®), chlorantraniliprole (Acelepryn®, Scott’s GrubEx®), or halofenozide (Mach 2®, Spectracide® Grub Stop™). Apply late April to mid-May. **Curative (C):** Products containing trichlorfon (Dylox®, Bayer Advanced™ 24 Hour Grub Killer), or clothianidin (Arena®, Green Light Grub Control with Arena®). Apply mid-August through mid-September. Irrigate after application to activate the product.

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