



BERMUDAGRASS LAWN CALENDAR

	B Best Month		P Possible Month		M Marginal Month							
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
New sod		New sod	New sod	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	New sod	New sod
				P	B	B	B	B	P			
B	B	B	B	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	B	B
				P	B	B	B	B	P			
					P	B	B	B	P			
				P	B	B	B	P				
M	M	M	M	P	B	B	B	B	P	B	M	M
		B	B	P								
OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
					B	B	B	B	P			
									B	P		

Mowing Height:
Common Bermuda: 1-1½" Hybrid Bermuda: 1-1½" raise 0.5" higher in hot weather. Remove no more than 1/3 total height at one time.

Water:
1" per week if no rainfall. Sod laid in fall or winter months must not be allowed to dry; water as needed.

Fertilization: 2 – 5 lbs. N/1000 ft²/YR
Follow fertilizer recommendations on soil test report. If the soil was not tested, use any turf fertilizer and follow label rates.
In the spring, do not apply nitrogen containing fertilizers until the soil temperature at the 4" depth is constantly 65°F and rising.

Ideal pH Range: 5.5 – 6.5
Use dolomitic lime per soil test recommendation. Can be applied at any time.

Aeration:
Use a core aerator during active growth season.

Dethatch: If thatch exceeds ½" deep use a vertical mower with blades 1" apart; go over the lawn only two directions. Top dressing with ¼" of soil can be effective

Seeding – New Lawn*:
Unhulled seed: 4-8 lb per 1,000 ft². Hulled seed: 1-2 lb per 1,000 ft².

Overs seeding – Established Lawns*:
5-10 lb ryegrass seed per 1,000 ft².

Sodding:
500 ft² per pallet typical.

Weed Control:
Read product label carefully to determine which weeds are controlled and on which grasses the product can be used.
Spring preemergence* prevents crabgrass, goosegrass and other annual weeds.
Broadleaf postemergence* spot spray to kill broadleaf plants like chickweed, wild violet, dandelion, wild onion, etc.
Grassy weed postemergence* kills grassy weeds like crabgrass, dallisgrass, etc. Do not apply to drought-stressed bermudagrass.
Winter preemergence* prevents chickweed and other winter weeds.

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