



# Maintenance

## ZOYSIAGRASS



### MOWING & THATCHING

- Begin mowing once sod is fully rooted and can no longer be lifted from the soil
- Optimum mowing height 1/2" – 1 1/2"
- Mow regularly with a rotary or reel mower; keep blades sharp
- Never remove more than 1/3 of leaf growth in one mowing
- Bagging clippings is not necessary; reduce nitrogen applications to minimize clippings
- Zoysia usually needs only 1/2 lb. to 1 lb. of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet per year

### SOIL & FERTILIZER NEEDS

- Soil test recommended before fertilizing
- Fertilize twice a year, spring and fall
- Use a fertilizer with a balanced blend of nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium
- Apply fertilizer to dry grass; immediately apply water to saturate soil
- Do not fertilize in spring before May 1 or until sod is 100% green

### DISEASE, WEED & INSECT CONTROL

- Dense turf produced by Zoysia can prevent many weeds
- Use pre-emergent herbicides to prevent weed growth
- Apply herbicide strictly by the label directions
- For help with herbicide selection, contact your local UGA County Cooperative Extension Service agent
- The University of Georgia has updated lawn maintenance calendars available at [www.georgiaturf.com](http://www.georgiaturf.com)



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