



Maintenance

BERMUDAGRASS



MOWING & THATCHING

- Begin mowing once sod is fully rooted and can no longer be lifted from the soil
- Optimum mowing height is 3/4" – 1 1/4"
- Mow regularly with a rotary or reel mower, keep blades sharp
- Never remove more than 1/3 of growth in one mowing
- Bagging clippings is not necessary. Reduce nitrogen applications to minimize clippings.

SOIL & FERTILIZER NEEDS

- Soil test recommended before fertilizing
- Fertilize three or four times between May and August
- 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 Bermuda can prevent many weeds
- Herbicide control for grassy or broadleaf weeds is most effective in spring
- 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



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