



# Maintenance

## FESCUE



### MOWING & THATCHING

- Begin mowing once sod is fully rooted and can no longer be lifted from the soil
- Optimum mowing height  $\frac{3}{4}$ "– $1\frac{1}{4}$ "
- Mow regularly with a rotary or reel mower; keep blades sharp
- Never remove more than  $\frac{1}{3}$  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 to four times between September and April
- Fertilizing Fescue in summer months is not recommended
- Use a fertilizer with a balanced blend of nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium
- Apply fertilizer to dry grass; immediately apply water to saturate soil

### DISEASE, WEED & INSECT CONTROL

- Chemical controls for weed growth are most effective during fall and spring
- Diseases most detrimental to Fescue attack during summer months
- 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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