



Maintenance

CENTIPEDEGRASS



MOWING & THATCHING

- Begin mowing once sod is fully rooted and can no longer be lifted from the soil
- Optimum mowing height 1.5" – 2"
- Mow regularly with a rotary or reel mower; keeping blades sharp
- Never remove more than 1/3 of leaf growth in one mowing
- Bagging clippings is not necessary; increase mowing frequency and reduce nitrogen to minimize clippings
- Dethatch when thatch exceeds 0.5"

SOIL & FERTILIZER NEEDS

- Soil test recommended before fertilizing
- Centipede usually needs only 1 lb to 2 lb of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet per year
- Fertilize once in early spring and again in 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 Centipede 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



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