



# ST. AUGUSTINEGRASS LAWN CALENDAR

## Mowing Height:

2"- 3"; 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.

## Fertilization:

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. Can be applied at any time.

## Aeration:

Use a core aerator during active growth season.

**Dethatch:** If thatch exceeds 0.5" deep use a vertical mower with blades 1" apart; go over the lawn only two directions. Top dressing with 0.25" of soil can be effective.

## Seeding – New Lawn\*:

St. Augustine cannot be established from seed.

## Overseeding – Established Lawns\*:

Overseeding with ryegrass in winter is not recommended.

## Sodding:

500ft<sup>2</sup> 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 preemergent\***(prevents crabgrass, goosegrass and other summer weed seeds from sprouting)

**Broadleaf postemergent\***(spot spray to kill broadleaf plants like chickweed, wild violet, dandelion, wild onion, etc.)

**Grassy weed postemergent\***(kills grassy weeds like crabgrass, dallisgrass, etc.) Do not apply to drought-stressed St. Augustine.

**Winter preemergent\***(prevents chickweed and other winter weed seeds from sprouting)

B		Best Month			P			M			Marginal Month	
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
			OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK				
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	B	B	P									
OK	OK			OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	
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\* Read weed control product labels carefully. Some products can not be applied to lawns that will be seeded within a few weeks or when transitioning to active growth.