



## Lawn Care Maintenance Calendar

### January

- Apply post-emergent spot treatments for henbit, clover, and chickweed. Product: Speed Zone.
- Prune shade and bleeder trees (oak, hickory, elm, maple, dogwood, birch)

### February

- Prune summer flowering shrubs & ornamental grasses (crape myrtle, butterfly bush, mondo, Liriope, & pampas grasses)
- Prune fruit trees
- Fight winter weeds with post-emergent herbicides and spot treatments such as Speed Zone.
- It's time to treat established lawns with pre-emergent herbicides before summer weeds and crabgrass germinate.
- (Fescue)1<sup>st</sup> round pre-emergent Feb 14-28. Product Used: 16-0-6 Barricade or similar, coverage 12,000 sq. ft.
- (Bermuda) Warm season lawns apply 0-0-8 Barricade to prevent cool season weeds and crabgrass.

### March

- Mow lawns 3-3 1/2"
- Apply soil amendments, such as fast-acting lime, according to soil test recommendations..
- Prune roses
- Fight spring weeds with post-emergent herbicide such as 3-D or Speed Zone.
- (Fescue)2<sup>nd</sup> round of pre-emergent March 28-April 11. Product Used: 16-0-6 Barricade or 12-0-14 Dimension or similar.
- (Bermuda) Warm season lawns apply 0-0-8 Barricade to prevent cool season weeds and crabgrass.
- Fertilize trees and shrubs with 16-4-8, 14-14-14, Plant-tone, or Holly-tone.

### April

- Apply fungicide as a preventative when nighttime temps 60 exceed degrees in areas that are susceptible to disease. Products Used: Heritage, Headway, Fame
- Prune azaleas, hollies, and Bradford pear trees as needed immediately after spring flowering.
- Apply grub control as needed.

### May

- (Fescue)3<sup>rd</sup> round of pre-emergent May 9-23. Product Used: 12-0-14 Dimension or 0-0-8 Barricade or similar low-nitrogen.
- (Bermuda) Fertilize warm season turf when soil temps reach 65 degrees with 16-4-8 or 12-0-14 Dimension
- For warm season grasses, aerate and dethatch lawns during active spring and early summer growth. Overseed thin areas with Bermuda or zoysia at a rate of 2lbs/1000sq ft.
- Prune hedges (boxwood, holly, privet)

## June

- Apply disease control as needed.
- (Fescue)Fertilize only with organic fertilizers such as Milorganite or low nitrogen products such as 8-2-20 or 5-10-31.

## July

- Raise mowing height to 1 to 1 1/2 inches above normal recommended heights. Taller blades shade soil, reduce water evaporation and fight competing weeds.
- Treat small, newly hatched lawn-destroying grubs while they're close to the surface and damage is still limited.

## August

- Kill summer grassy weeds 6-8 weeks before overseeding fescue lawns to prevent issues with seed germination: Product Used: Q4, Quinclorac, trimec crabgrass, tenacity.
- (Bermuda)Warm season lawns fertilize to increase energy stores for winter. Plan a final feeding six to eight weeks before your area's first expected frost (four to five weeks before for Bermudagrass). Later feedings can interfere with dormancy and hardiness. Product Used: 16-4-8
- (Fescue)Apply fast acting lime to prepare soil for overseeding as needed by soil test results.

## September

- (Fescue)Aerate and overseed fescue lawns when summer temps begin to break but before tree leaves turn. Product used: Fescue blend seed and 18-24-12 fertilizer. (Late Sept or anytime October)
- Established lawns feed with 16-4-8 to recover from summer stress. (Late Sept, early Oct)
- Reduce watering of warm-season grasses; needs decrease as rains increase, But never allow turfgrass to be stressed by lack of water, or it will affect spring green-up.

## October

- (Fescue)Aerate and overseed fescue lawns when summer temps begin to break but before tree leaves turn. Product used: Fescue blend seed and 18-24-12 fertilizer.
- Established lawns feed with 16-4-8 to recover from summer stress if not done in Sept.
- Mow warm-season grasses until they stop growing. Make final cuts slightly lower than normal.
- Keep leaves off newly fescue-seeded areas to prevent damage to young grass.

## November

- (Fescue)Winterize fescue lawns with higher nitrogen product 6-8 weeks after overseeding. Product Used: 28-0-3
- Spot treat existing weeds with targeted, post-emergent herbicides. 3-D or Speed Zone
- Remove or mulch fallen leaves to improve air flow and reduce disease risks.
- (Bermuda)Treat warm season established lawns with pre-emergent herbicides before cool-season winter weeds germinate, when nighttime air temperatures approach 65 to 70 Fahrenheit. Product Used: 0-0-8 Barricade

## December

- Maintain a regular watering schedule for overseeded lawns. Water as needed to supplement rainfall.