



ST. AUGUSTINEGRASS LAWN CALENDAR

Mowing Height:

2" – 3" raise ½" higher in hot weather. Remove no more than ¼ total height at one time.

Water:

1" per week if no rainfall. 30 days watering allowed for newly planted sod or seed. Sod laid in fall or winter months should be kept moist.

Fertilization: 2 – 5 lbs N/1000 ft²/YR

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 ½" deep use a vertical mower with blades 1" apart; go over the lawn only one direction. Topdressing with ¼" of soil can be effective.

Seeding – New Lawn:

St. Augustinegrass cannot be established from seed.

Overseeding – Established Lawns*:

Overseeding with ryegrass in winter is not recommended.

Sodding:

500 ft² 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 preemergence* prevents crabgrass, goosegrass, and other summer weeds.

Broadleaf postemergence* spot spray to control broadleaf plants like chickweed, wild violet, dandelion, wild onion, etc. Herbicides like 2,4-D and MCPA cause injury, especially during green-up.

Grassy weed postemergence* control grassy weeds like crabgrass, dallisgrass, etc. Do not apply to drought-stressed turf.

Winter preemergence* prevents chickweed and other winter weeds.

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* Read weed control product labels carefully. Some products cannot be applied within a few weeks of establishment or spring transition.