



# ST. AUGUSTINEGRASS LAWN CALENDAR

	<b>B</b> Best month			<b>P</b> Possible Month				<b>M</b> Marginal month				
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>MOWING HEIGHT:</b> 2" - 3" ; raise 1/2 inch higher in hot weather. Remove no more than 1/3 total height at one time.				OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK			
<b>WATER:</b> 1 inch per week if no rainfall				OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK			
<b>FERTILIZATION:</b> Use any turf fertilizer two or three times per year. Follow label directions and rate.					B	B		B	B			
<b>IDEAL pH RANGE: 5.5 - 6.5</b> Use dolomitic lime per soil test. Can be applied at any time.												
<b>AERATION:</b> Use a core aerator during active growth season.			P	P	B	B	P					
<b>DETHATCH:</b> If thatch exceeds .5 inch deep use a vertical mower with blades 1" apart and go over lawn only once. Topdressing with .25" soil is most effective.					P	P						
<b>SEEDING - NEW LAWN:</b> St. Augustine cannot be established from seed.												
<b>OVERSEEDING - ESTABLISHED LAWN:</b> Overseeding with ryegrass in winter is not recommended.												
<b>SODDING</b> 500 sq. ft. per pallet				P	B	B	B	P				
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<b>Broadleaf post-emergent *</b> (spot spray to kill broadleaved plants like chickweed, wild violet, dandelion, wild onion, etc)	OK	OK			OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
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