



CENTIPEDEGRASS LAWN CALENDAR

		B Best month			P Possible Month			M Marginal month				
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
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MOWING HEIGHT:

1" - 1 1/2" This is THE most important practice for a healthy centipede grass lawn.

WATER:

1 inch per week if no rainfall

FERTILIZATION:

Use centipede fertilizer twice per year. Follow label rate. Wait to fertilize until 100% green.

IDEAL pH RANGE: 5.0- 6.5

Lime is rarely needed.

AERATION:

Use a core aerator during active growth season.

DETHATCH: 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.

SEEDING - NEW LAWN:

1/4 - 1/2 lb. per 1000 square feet

OVERSEEDING - ESTABLISHED LAWN:

Overseeding centipede with ryegrass is not recommended.

SODDING

500 sq. ft. per pallet

WEED CONTROL:

Read product label carefully to determine which weeds are controlled and on which grasses the product can be used.

Spring pre-emergent* (prevents crabgrass, goosegrass and other summer weed seeds from sprouting)

Broadleaf post-emergent* (spot spray to kill broadleaved plants like chickweed, wild violet, dandelion, wild onion, etc)

Grassy weed post-emergent * (kills grassy weeds like crabgrass, dallisgrass, etc. Do not apply to drought-stressed Centipede.)

Winter pre-emergent* (prevents chickweed and other winter weed seeds from sprouting)

*Read the product label carefully. Some of the products can not be applied to lawns that will be seeded in the next few weeks or when transitioning to active growth. January, 2003