

# Bermudagrass Lawn Management Calendar

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*See Extension Fact Sheet HLA-6420 for more details.*

## BERMUDAGRASS MAINTENANCE CALENDAR

ACTIVITY	Jan	Feb	March	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Establish or Renovate				XX	XXXX	XXXX						
Dethatching		X	XXXX	XXX								
Mowing - Regime 1			1.5-2"	1.5-2"	2"	2.5"	2.5"	2.5"	2.5"	2.5"		
Mowing - Regime 2			1.0"	1.5"	1.5"	1.5"	1.5"	1.5"	1.5"	1.5"		
Fertilization - Quick Release OR				F	F	F	F	F				
Fertilization - Slow Release				F		F		F				
Watering			.5"/wk	.5"/wk	1"/wk	1"/wk	1"/wk	1"/wk	1"/wk	.5"/wk	.5"/wk	
Weed Control - Preemergent	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XX			XX	XXX			
Weed Control - Postemergent	--glyphosate--				- Spot Treatment, Broadleaf-	-----Crabgrass & Nutsedge-----			---- Fall, Broadleaf----			
White Grub Control				PPP	PPPP			CCCC	CCCC			
Aerification		X	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX						

**Note:** X = Best time frame for indicated activity.

**Watering** - Number equals projected maximum water needed on a weekly basis. Try to reduce water amount and frequency for water savings.

**Mowing** - Number listed is the cutting height for each mowing if using medium to low maintenance (Regime 1) and high maintenance (Regime 2).

**Fertilizing (F)** - letter indicates optimum timing. Adjust the amount/timing on intended results.

**White grub control** - P = preventive insecticides; C = curative insecticides (see notes below). Not all lawns need treatment, please determine if actually needed.

### ESTABLISHMENT

Three to ten bushels sprigs/1,000 sq. ft. or 2 pounds coated seed/1,000 sq. ft.

### CULTIVARS

*Fine:* TifSport, Tifway, Latitude 36, NorthBridge, Patriot

*Medium:* Astro, Riviera, Yukon, U-3, Midiron

### DETHATCHING

Remove thatch thicker than ½ in.

### MOWING

Remove no more than 1/3 of the leaf blade at any one time. Recycle clippings using a mulching mower. Regime 1 is for a higher mowing height, Regime 2 is for shorter mowing height.

### WATERING

Suggested amounts are only estimates. Always adjust watering schedule based on rain. Water when footprints appear in grass after walking over lawn. Consider having a non-irrigated brown bermuda lawn for community water savings during severe drought.

### FERTILIZING

- Soil test every three years; fertilize based on test results. Don't apply phosphorus to lawns that already test adequate for this nutrient.
- Match amount applied to quality and mowing expectations.
- Quick-release program: apply up to 1 lb. of actual nitrogen per 1,000 sq. ft. three to five times a year.
- Or slow release program: apply up to 1 2/3 lbs. of actual nitrogen per 1,000 sq. ft. two to three times a year.

## CONSUMER/RESIDENTIAL WEED CONTROL (Observe all label directions)

**Dormant Bermudagrass Postemergent Control** – on dormant bermuda only.  
glyphosate (ROUNDUP® and similar generics if labeled)

**Preemergent Crabgrass Control – January 1 to March 5 for first application. Follow label directions for second application information. (pick only one, products with “\*\*\*” are best)**

bensulide (BETASAN®, SCOTT’S WEEDGRASS PREVENTER®)  
dithiopyr\*\* (DIMENSION® and others)  
pendamethalin\*\* (Pendulum, SCOTT’S HALTS® and many others)  
oryzalin\*\* (SURFLAN® and others)  
oryzalin\*\* + benefin (XL 2C®, AMAZE®)  
proflaminate\*\* (BARRICADE® and others)

**Preemergent Broadleaf Control – January 1 to March 5 for first application. Follow label directions for second application information. (pick only one, products with “\*\*\*” are best)**

bensulide (BETASAN®, SCOTT’S WEEDGRASS PREVENTER®)  
dithiopyr\*\* (DIMENSION® and others)  
pendamethalin\*\* (Pendulum, SCOTT’S HALTS® and many others)  
oryzalin\*\* (SURFLAN® and others)  
oryzalin\*\* + benefin (XL 2C®, AMAZE®)  
proflaminate\*\* (BARRICADE® and others)

**Preemergent Broadleaf Control – August 25 to September 15**

isoxaben (PORTRAIT®) - fall use to prevent winter broadleaf weeds

**Postemergent Crabgrass Control – used in spot treatment**

MSMA, DSMA, CAMA – new labeled product no longer available for residential lawn application but please use up existing stocks as per the label when daytime temperatures are above 80°F  
Quinchlorac – (Drive® Quinchlorac) used in place of MSMA for post-emergent crabgrass control  
Bayer “Lawn Weed & Crabgrass Killer” (Quinchlorac +2,4-D+Dicamba) or Spectracide “Weed Stop For Lawns” (Quinchlorac+2,4-D+Dicamba+Sulfentrazone) or Ortho “Weed-B-Gone Max plus Crabgrass Control” (Quinchlorac+MCP+2,4-D+Dicamba) can be used if both crabgrass and broadleaves are present

**Postemergent Broadleaf Control – broadcast or spot treatment**

WEED-B-GON®, TRIMEC®, Bayer Lawn Weed & Crabgrass Killer®, Spectracide Weed Stop For Lawns®, Ortho Weed-B-Gone Max plus Crabgrass Control®, SpeedZone.

**Postemergent Sedge Control –**

halosulfuron-methyl ( SEDGEHAMMER®) or sulfosulfuron (Certainty®)  
imazaquin (IMAGE®) – may yellow bermuda, foliar and soil activity  
bentazon (BASAGRAN®) - yellow nutsedge only

**MSMA – many products containing MSMA can still be used for yellow nutsedge control but are no longer available for purchase.** Use up MSMA as per the label. Use when daytime temps above 80°F.

**Grass Killer for Edging – (do not use these over the lawn)**

glyphosate (ROUNDUP®, ROUNDUP PRO®, KILLZALL®, GLYFOS® and many more)  
glufosinate-ammonium (FINALE)  
fluzifop-P-butyl (GRASS-B-GON®, OVER-THE-TOP GRASS KILLER®)  
sethoxydim - (ferti-lome® Over-The-Top II Grass Killer, Grass Getter®, and POAST®)  
while cacodylic acid (LIQUID EDGER®, PHYTAR®) is no longer available, please use up existing product as per label directions

## WHITE GRUB CONTROL

**Preventive (P):** Products containing imidacloprid (Bayer Advanced Seasonlong Grub Control®, Merit®), clothianidin (Arena®, Green Light Grub Control with Arena®), chlorantraniliprole (Acelepryn®, Scott’s GrubEx®), or halofenozide (Natural Guard Grub Control®, Spectracide® Grub Stop™). Apply late April to mid-May.

**Curative (C):** Products containing trichlorfon (Dylox®, Bayer Advanced™ 24 Hour Grub Killer), or clothianidin (Arena®, Green Light Grub Control with Arena®). Apply August through September when grub damage appears. Irrigate after application to activate the product.

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