

# HOW TO MAINTAIN A COOL SEASON LAWN

*Follow these easy steps to maintain a beautiful cool season lawn.*

## January

- Check pH. Apply **MAG-I-CAL** if needed.

## February

- Weed Control – Apply your pre-emergent this month to prevent unwanted grasses and broadleaf weeds such as henbit and chickweed. We recommend **Hi-Yield Dimension or Organic Weed Control**.
- Irrigate after application. Apply a post-emergent solution to control broadleaf weeds that are actively growing. We recommend **Ferti-lome Weed Free Zone**.
- Check pH – Apply **MAG-I-CAL** if needed.

## March

- Mow to recommended height of 3–4 inches
- Irrigate – Give your lawn one inch of water if we have not had sufficient rainfall.
- Control Weeds – Apply a pre-emergent now if you did not do so in February.
- Check regularly for fungus during spring months

## April

- Mow regularly to recommended height of 3–4 inches.
- Irrigate – Apply one inch of water per week if we have not had sufficient rainfall.
- Control Weeds – Use **Ferti-lome Weed Free Zone**
- Control Insects and Diseases – Can occur as the weather warms. Check for both this month.

## May

- Mow regularly at recommended height of 3–4 inches.
- Irrigate – Apply one inch of water per week if we do not receive sufficient rainfall.
- Control Weeds – Apply second application of pre-emergent during the second half of the month, water after application. Control established weeds with post-emergent spray.
- Control Insects and Diseases – Inspect lawn regularly and treat if needed.

## June

- Mow regularly at recommended height of 3.5 inches.
- Irrigate – Apply one inch of water per week if we do not receive sufficient rainfall.
- Control Weeds – Treat established weeds with post-emergent spray **Weed Out with Crabgrass Killer**.
- Control Insects and Diseases – Inspect lawn regularly and treat if needed.

## July

- Mow regularly at recommended height of 4 inches.
- Irrigate – Apply one inch of water per week if we do not receive sufficient rainfall.
- Control Weeds – Treat established weeds with **Weed Out with Crabgrass Killer**.
- Control Insects and Diseases – Begin treating for white grubs this month.



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## August

- Mow regularly at recommended height of 4 inches.
- Irrigate – Apply one inch of water per week if we do not receive sufficient rainfall.
- Control Insects and Diseases – Inspect lawn regularly and treat if necessary.
- Weed Control – Treat established weeds with **Weed Out with Crabgrass Killer**.
- Apply – Humic Acid

## September

- Mow regularly at recommended height or 3–4 inches.
- Irrigate – Apply 1 inch of water per week if we do not receive sufficient rainfall.
- Fertilize – Apply a slow-release fertilizer, we recommend **Fertilome Lawn Food Plus Iron** or **Organic Lawn Fertilizer**.
- Control Weeds – Apply pre-emergent near the end of the month. You may treat weeds with Weed Free Zone and apply pre-emergent to prevent weed germination.
- Aerate – Fall is the best time to aerate cool season lawns. *\*Aerate before applying pre-emergents.*
- Overseeding – Overseed if needed this month with McDonald Tall Fescue Mix or McDonald Shady Mix.

## October

- Mow – Mow lawn to 3 inches in height.
- Irrigate – Apply one inch of water per week if we do not receive sufficient rainfall.
- Control Weeds – Apply pre-emergent. Treat established weeds. Do not use weed killers on your lawn if you have over-seeded with Annual Rye/or re-seeded.
- Fertilize – If you did not do so in September
- Aerate – Fall is the best time to aerate cool season lawns. *\*Aerate before applying pre-emergents.*
- Rake or blow leaves from lawn.

### **Recommended Mowing Heights:**

**Summer Height: 4 inches**

**Winter Height: 3 - 4 inches**

**Water 1 inch per week**

## November

- Mow regularly at recommended height or 3 inches.
- Control Weeds – Apply pre-emergent to dormant lawns. Do not use a pre-emergent if you plant to overseed.
- Fertilize – Apply second application of slow-release fertilizer, **Fertilome Lawn Food Plus Iron** or **Organic Lawn Fertilizer**.
- Rake or blow leaves from lawn regularly.
- Apply – Winter Survival

## December

- Mow regularly at recommended height or 3-4 inches.
- Control Weeds – You may apply pre-emergent.
- Fertilize – Apply second application if you did not do so in November.
- Other – Rake or blow leaves from lawn regularly.

### **Recommended Products:**

#### **FERTILIZER**

- **Fertilome Lawn Food Plus Iron** or **Organic Lawn Fertilizer**
- **Fertilome Classic Lawn Food**

#### **PRE-EMERGENT**

- **Hi Yield Turf & Ornamental Weed and Grass Stopper**
- **Organic Weed Control**

#### **POST-EMERGENT**

- **(Early Spring & Fall) Ferti-lome Weed Free Zone**
- **Weed Out with Crabgrass Killer**

#### **INSECTICIDE**

- **Milky Spore**
- **Turf Ranger**
- **Hi-Yield Bug Blaster Granules/Hose End**

#### **FUNGICIDE**

- **Ferti-lome Liquid Systemic Fungicide**
- **Ferti-lome F-STOP**

Follow all directions on any product that you use on your lawn.

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