

HOW TO MAINTAIN A TRADITIONAL WARM SEASON LAWN

January

- Bring in a sample of soil for a complimentary pH test. Apply fast acting-lime to adjust pH properly.

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.
- Irrigate after application. Apply a post-emergent solution to control broadleaf weeds that are actively growing. We recommend Ferti-lome Weed Free Zone.
- Fertilize - DO NOT USE products that contain fertilizer during this month.
- Check pH - Apply fast acting-lime if needed.

March

- Mow around mid-month to remove dead top growth. Do not mow below ½ inch. Rake and remove mowed debris to prevent thatch buildup.
- Irrigate - Give your lawn between ¼ and ½ 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.

April

- Mow regularly to recommended height. If you have a zoysia lawn, use a bag on the mower or rake cuttings after mowing.
- Irrigate - Apply one inch of water per week if you have not had sufficient rainfall.
- Fertilize - Apply when your lawn is 50% green.
- Control Weeds - DO NOT USE post-emergent weed control this month. It could harm young growth.
- Control Insects and Diseases - Begin treating for white grubs this month with milky spore or Grub-Free Zone.

May

- Mow regularly at recommended height.
- Irrigate - Apply one inch of water per week if you do not receive sufficient rainfall.
- Fertilize - Early, if you did not do so last month.
- Aerate - Core aerate during the second half of the month. Check your pH at this time and apply lime if needed.
- Dethatch with a vertical mower, or dethatcher, if you have more than ½ inch of thatch buildup.
- 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 or pull by hand.
- Control Insects and Diseases - Inspect lawn regularly and treat if needed.

June

- Mow regularly at recommended height.
- Irrigate - Apply one inch of water per week if you do not receive sufficient rainfall.
- Aerate - Core aerate if desired.
- Control Weeds - Apply pre-emergent if you did not do so last month. Treat established weeds with post-emergent spray.
- Control Insects and Diseases - Inspect lawn regularly and treat if needed.

July

- Mow regularly at recommended height.
- Irrigate - Apply one inch of water per week if you do not receive sufficient rainfall.
- Fertilize - Apply this month.
- Aerate - Core aerate during this month only if you did not apply a pre-emergent last month. Remember to water well before aerating.
- Dethatch - Watch for thatch build-up, especially in zoysia lawns. Do not dethatch if you used a pre-emergent in June.

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August

- Mow regularly at recommended height. Use a bag while mowing or raking afterwards if you have a zoysia lawn.
- Irrigate - Apply one inch of water per week if you do not receive sufficient rainfall.
- Fertilize - Apply mid-month if you missed the July application.
- Aerate - Core aerate if desired.
- Dethatch - Inspect lawn for thatch build-up. Remove thatch build-up with dethatcher if needed. Remember regular mowing prevents buildup.
- Control Insects and Diseases - Inspect lawn regularly and treat if necessary.

September

- Mow regularly at recommended height. Once soil temps drop below 70 degrees, allow the lawn to grow to three inches in preparation for winter dormancy. This is usually towards the end of the month.
- Irrigate - Apply one inch of water per week if you do not receive sufficient rainfall.
- Fertilize - If you did not apply last month, do so now.
- Control Weeds - Apply pre-emergent near the end of the month. If you are planning to overseed with annual rye for winter color, do not apply pre-emergent.
- Control Insects and Disease - Warm season lawns are susceptible to both this month, treat if necessary.
- Overseed - Can overseed late in the month with annual rye grass for winter color for all but zoysia lawns.

October

- Mow - Allow lawn to grow to three inches in height in preparation for winter insulation.
- Irrigate - Apply one inch of water per week if you do not receive sufficient rainfall.
- Control Weeds - Apply pre-emergent. Treat established weeds. Do not use weed killers on your lawn if you have overseeded with annual rye.
- Fertilize - Apply winterizer.

November

- Mow - Lawns not overseeded should be allowed to grow to 3 inches for winter insulation. you can mow lawns overseeded with annual rye to 2 ½ inches.
- Control Weeds - Apply pre-emergent to dormant lawns. Do not use a pre-emergent if you plan to overseed.
- Overseed - You can still overseed all but zoysia lawns this month.

December

- Mow overseeded lawns to two inches.
- Control Weeds - You may apply pre-emergent.

RECOMMENDED MOWING HEIGHTS:

	Mow to:	Mow when:
Common Bermuda	2"	3"
Hybrid Bermuda	1-1.5"	1.5-2.5"
Centipede	1.5-2"	2.25-3"
St. Augustine	2.5-3"	3.75-4.5"
Zoysia	1-2"	1.5-3"

TRADITIONAL RECOMMENDED PRODUCTS:

PRE-EMERGENT:

Hi Yield Turf & Ornamental
Weed and Grass Stopper

POST-EMERGENT:

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

FERTILIZER:

Ferti-lome Classic Lawn Food

INSECTICIDE:

Hi Yield Turf Ranger
Grub Free Zone
Milky Spore

FUNGICIDE:

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

** Read and follow all directions on any product that you use on your lawn.*

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