ST. AUGUSTINEGRASS LAWN CALENDAR

B **B**est month **P** **P**ossible Month **M** **M**arginal month

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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MOWING HEIGHT:
2" - 3" ; raise 1/2 inch higher in hot weather.
Remove no more than 1/3 total height at one time.

WATER:
1 inch per week if no rainfall

FERTILIZATION:
Use any turf fertilizer two or three times per year.
Follow label directions and rate.

IDEAL pH RANGE: 5.5 - 6.5
Use dolomitic lime per soil test. Can be applied at any time.

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:
St. Augustine cannot be established from seed.

OVERSEEDING - ESTABLISHED LAWN:
Overseeding with ryegrass in winter is not recommended.

SODDING
500 sq. ft. per pallet typical

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 broadleaf plants like chickweed, wild violet, dandelion, wild onion, etc)

Grassy weed post-emergent - there are no herbicides available for control of grassy weeds in St. Augustine

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

*** Read weed control product labels carefully. Some products can not be applied when grass is transitioning to active growth.**

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