

# LAWN CARE CALENDAR

As a homeowner, it can be challenging to **keep your lawn healthy**, know when to fertilize it and prevent diseases when you have so much else on your plate. So, **after decades** of helping homeowners keep their lawns healthy and green year-round, **we're sharing some of our knowledge**. We've put together **easy-to-navigate calendars** that you can use to know **when** and **how** to **mow, irrigate, fertilize and care for your lawn**. Below you will find calendars for some of the most common grass types; **Bermuda, St. Augustine** and **Zoysia** grass.



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## Hello! I am Bobby, President of ABC

As the weather gets warmer and your lawn starts to come back to life, you may be flooded with questions. When do I start mowing? How often should I be fertilizing? How do I make sure grubs don't take over my lawn? Our Lawn Care Calendars will answer basic questions about how to take care of your lawn for optimal growth and enjoyment this summer.

*ABC Home & Commercial Services is a family-owned and operated company that has been around for over 70 years. We have been improving the quality of life for home and business owners for generations. By entrusting your home to our trained and trusted professionals, you can take back valuable free time to spend on the things in life that bring you the most happiness this spring and throughout the year.*



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# Bermuda Grass

## Lawn Care Calendar

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PROCESS	QUARTER 1			QUARTER 2			QUARTER 3			QUARTER 4		
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# Bermuda Grass

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### Mowing

- **January-February:** Mow if necessary to prevent weeds from flowering
- **March-October:** Mow at 1-2 inches in height weekly  
*Never remove more than one-third of the leaf tissue at one time*
- **November-December:** Mow if necessary to prevent winter annual weeds from flowering

### Irrigation

- **January-February:** Continue to irrigate through the winter
- **March-April:** Conduct an irrigation audit
- **May-October:** Irrigate only when necessary; turn off sprinklers during rainy periods
- **November-December:** Leave the irrigation system on through the winter months

### Fertilization

- **April-May:** Fertilize once the lawn is actively growing and has been mowed 2 to 3 times
- **June-October:** Apply 0.5 to 1 lb of nitrogen per every 1,000 sq. ft. for a total of 1-4 applications

### Weed Control

- **January-February:** Apply pre-emergent for summer annual weeds & post-emergent for winter annual seeds
- **May-July:** Apply post-emergent for summer annuals and warm-season perennials
- **August-September:** Apply pre-emergents for winter annual weeds
- **November-December:** Apply post-emergents for winter annuals and cool-season perennials

### Insect Control

- **April-May:** Inspect your lawn for fire ants
- **June-July:** Apply preventative grub products; keep an eye out for fire ants
- **August-October:** Inspect your lawn for signs of fire ants and fall armyworms, and apply grub control products (if needed)

### Disease Control

- **April-May:** Scout for Bermuda decline
- **September-October:** Scout for dollar spot



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# St. Augustine Grass

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### Mowing

- **January-February:** Mow if necessary to prevent weeds from flowering
- **March-October:** Mow at 2 to 4 inches in height weekly; *never remove more than one-third of the leaf tissue at one time*
- **November-December:** Mow, if necessary, to prevent winter annual weeds from flowering

### Irrigation

- **January-February:** Turn off irrigation during winter months
- **March-April:** Conduct an irrigation audit
- **May-October:** Irrigate only when necessary to prevent wilting; do not irrigate during rainy periods
- **November-December:** Turn off irrigation during winter months

### Fertilization

- **March-April:** Fertilize once the lawn is actively growing and has been mowed at least twice
- **May-October:** Apply 0.5 to 1 lb of nitrogen per every 1,000 sq. ft., 1 to 4 times, with a combo of quick & slow-release fertilizers; *do not apply fertilizer to stressed grass*
- **November-December:** If needed fertilizer may be continually applied but the last application of nitrogen fertilizer should be 4 to 6 weeks before the first frost

### Weed Control

- **January-March:** Allow grass to grow undisturbed to establish a weed barrier naturally
- **May-July:** Apply post-emergent herbicides as needed for summer annual and perennial weeds
- **September-October:** Allow grass to grow undisturbed to establish a weed barrier naturally
- **November-December:** Apply post-emergent herbicides as needed to control weeds

### Insect Control

- **June-July:** Apply preventative grub products, if necessary
- **August-October:** Apply curative or rescue insecticide for grubs, if necessary
- **June-October:** Scout for chinch bugs and apply insecticide, if necessary

### Disease Control

- **April-October:** Scout for take-all root rot & gray leaf spot
- **Mid-September-October:** Apply preventative fungicide products for large patch disease when soil temperatures are between 50-70 °F



# Zoysia Grass

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### Mowing

- **January-April:** Mow as needed. The optimal growing height is a little over an inch
- **May-August:** Let the grass grow a little longer between mowings, closer to 2-2.5" to protect it from the sun
- **September-December:** Continue to mow at a normal height until the weather starts to cool

### Irrigation

- **January-April:** Water the lawn as needed to prevent dehydration
- **May-August:** When the entire lawn appears dry, apply 3/4 to 1" of water the next morning
- **September-December:** In the absence of rainfall, continue to water as needed to prevent drought stress

### Fertilization

- **January-April:** Add nutrients as needed. Do not apply nitrogen fertilizers
- **May-August:** Fertilize only when the grass is actively growing
- **September-December:** Do not apply nitrogen at this time. Lime or sulfur may be added if needed

### Weed Control

- **February-March:** Apply broadleaf pre-emergent herbicide to reduce weeds
- **May-June:** Apply a second application of pre-emergent herbicide
- **September-December:** Apply a pre-emergent herbicide in September with a second application 8 to 10 weeks later

### Insect Control

- **January-April:** Cold winter temperatures will usually keep insect problems in Zoysia grass at bay
- **May-August:** Apply insecticide to control mole crickets, grubs & nematodes
- **September-December:** Apply an insecticide to reduce any insects you may have missed earlier in the year

### Disease Control

- **May-August:** Check for Zoysia patch & dollar spot diseases that are fueled by moisture; practice proper watering techniques and soil drainage
- **September-December:** Treat with fungicide for disease control. If Zoysia patch has been prevalent, apply a preventative fungicide application in early October