



Turf Maintenance Calendar

JANUARY and FEBRUARY

Relax

MARCH

Early seed application may be made.
If soil conditions are right, aeration may be done.

APRIL

Pre-emergence herbicides may be applied to prevent crabgrass. This should be done during the time that the Forsythia is in bloom.
Mowing should begin.
Late April thru May is time for biological control of grubs.



MAY

Continue routine mowing.
Make sure mower blades are sharp.
This is a good time for core aeration.
Mid to late May is the time for the first fertilization of the season. Fertilizer should be applied at about 1 pound N per thousand square feet. A weed and feed product can be used if desired, and if seeding has not been done recently. On lawns with a history of fungus troubles, fungicide application can be made now.
May thru mid-June is the time to apply "Season-Long" Grub Control.

JUNE

Continue mowing.
Irrigation may be needed if conditions are dry.
Late June is the time for the second fertilizer application of the season.
A slow-release organic product is recommended.
Weed control may be done now if needed.

JULY

Continue mowing. Consider increasing the height of the lawn mower. This helps the plants to tolerate the summer heat better. Higher cuts can also help to increase the depth of roots. An application of pre-emergence early in the month will stop the late crabgrass germination.
Mid to late July is probably the best time to control grubs with insecticides.

AUGUST

Continue mowing at higher cut.
Watch for fungus problems. Quick treatment now can prevent serious problems.
Have soil tests done now to determine lime and fertilizer needs for fall.
Biological Grub Control can be used now if necessary.

SEPTEMBER

Gradually begin reducing height of cut. This is the time for many important functions. Aeration and/or dethatching should be done now. Follow up with lime and fertilizer as needed. Use one pound of nitrogen per thousand square foot.
Rake the lawn. Seed applied now will germinate evenly and will be well established before winter. Use good quality seed.

OCTOBER

Continue mowing.
If you did not get everything done in September, there is still time to do it. Seed should be on by the third week in October to insure that plants will be established.
If rainfall has been short, be sure to water deeply before the end of the month. Try to keep falling leaves off the lawn, particularly newly seeded areas.

NOVEMBER

There are several important jobs to get done. Continue moving as long as grass continues to grow. Keep the lawn clear of leaves and debris.
Some time near Mid November is the time for the final application of fertilizer for the season. A half pound of quickly available Nitrogen per thousand square feet is adequate.



DECEMBER

Normally, mowing should be over.
This is the time to see that all that valuable equipment is serviced, and put away in good condition for next year.
Send off soil tests if you have not done so earlier.