

# HOW TO MAINTAIN A COOL SEASON LAWN

August 2023

*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 Ferti-lome 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

### *Recommended Mowing Heights:*

Summer Height: 4 inches

Winter Height: 3 - 4 inches

Water 1 inch per week

lawns. \*Aerate before applying pre-emergents.

- Rake or blow leaves from lawn.

## 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, Ferti-lome Lawn Food Plus Iron or Organic Lawn Fertilizer.
- Rake or blow leaves from lawn regularly.
- Apply – Ferti-lome Winterizer

## 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:

- Ferti-lome Lawn Food Plus Iron or Organic Lawn Fertilizer
- Ferti-lome 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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