

Month-By-Month Guide to Lawn Care

JANUARY

- * NO fertilizer or weed/feed for St. Augustine, zoysia, or bahia lawns
- * Apply iron at one-half normal rate to renew green if needed: **Sunniland Super Iron Plus**
- * Apply fungicide to combat “Brown Patch” if needed: **Fertilome F-Stop**
- * Mow, dig, and spot-kill weeds
- * Sow annual rye grass to fill in bare spots and re-green brown lawns if desired
- * DO NOT apply pesticides this time of year

FEBRUARY

- * First-of-the-year weed/feed application can begin when danger of freezing weather is past: **Lukas Iron Plus Fertilizer, Sunniland Bahia Weed & Feed (with 2-4-D), Fertilome St. Augustine/Zoysia Weed & Feed (with Atrazine)**
- * Remove all growing crabgrass and dormant runners
- * Apply a pre-emergence herbicide (repeat treatment may be needed): **Fertilome Weed & Grass Stopper**
- * Apply fungicide to combat “Brown Patch” if needed: **Fertilome F-Stop**
- * Watch for chinch bug and grub activity and treat with insecticide if needed: **Fertilome Bug Blaster Above & Below, Fertilome Bug Blaster II (fleas & ticks), Aloft LCG, Hi-Yield Grub Free Zone II, Fertilome Mole-Go Granules, Fertilome Come & Get It Fire Ant Bait**

MARCH

- * Complete spring weed/feed applications (temperatures should be below 85 degrees)
- * Apply insecticide if you haven’t already to combat chinch bugs, grubs & sod webworm if needed: **Fertilome Bug Blaster Above & Below, Fertilome Bug Blaster II, Aloft LCG, Hi-Yield Grub Free Zone**

APRIL

- * Complete spring weed/feed by early in month if you haven’t already. This is the last chance to do selective weed control before hot weather (see above products)
 - * Iron-only feeding. **Sunniland Super Iron Plus** can also be given to bahia turf if it is showing some yellowing even after earlier spring feeding
 - * Watch for lawn insects and treat as needed with insecticide (see above products)
- DO NOT USE SELECTIVE WEED KILLERS DURING HOT WEATHER!**

MAY

- * Some vigorous and shallow rooted grasses (bermuda grass, zoysia grass) may need another fertilizer application: **Lukas Iron Plus Fertilizer**
- * Apply a pre-emergence herbicide if needed: **Fertilome Weed & Grass Stopper**
- * Apply fungicide at preventive or treatment rate if needed & watch for fungus infestation (some lawns will need systemic fungicide applied every month through the wet season for control): **Fertilome F-Stop**
- * Check bahia lawns for mole crickets, zoysia for bill bugs & sod webworm, St. Augustine for chinch bugs & sod webworm, and all lawns for grubs, and apply insecticide if needed (see above products)

JUNE

- * Light fertilizer application if you missed the spring feeding: **Lukas Iron Plus Fertilizer**
- * Iron-only feeding or **Sunniland Super Iron Plus** if grass is yellowing
- * Apply fungicide at preventive or treatment rate if needed & watch for fungus infestation (see above products)
- * Control mole crickets, chinch bugs, grubs, and other insects with insecticide if needed (see above products)

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- * Some yellowing and light green in the lawn is normal this time of year and may actually make the grass more pest resistant. Use iron-only fertilizer (**Sunniland Super Iron Plus**) for bahia and St. Augustine grass or half-strength fertilizer if desired to improve green
- * Apply fungicide at preventive or treatment rate if needed & watch for fungus infestation (see above products)
- * Check for chinch bugs, mole crickets (bahia), grubs, bill bugs (zoysia) and other insects, and treat with insecticide if needed (see above products)
- * Mow, dig out, or spot-kill weeds with non selective herbicides during the hot months: **Hi-Yield Killz-All Weed Killer, Hi-Yield Killz-All Extended Control**

AUGUST

- * Iron-only or light fertilizer application to make lawns greener: **Sunniland Super Iron Plus**
- * Apply a pre-emergence herbicide if needed: **Fertilome Weed & Grass Stopper**
- * Apply fungicide at preventive or treatment rate if needed (see above products)
- * Check lawn weekly for signs of insects and fungus and treat with appropriate insecticide or fungicide (see above products)

SEPTEMBER

- * Fall feeding with complete fertilizer: **Lukas Iron Plus Fertilizer**
- * Summer insects and fungus will affect the lawn for at least one more month, treat with insecticide and fungicide if needed (see above products)
- * Apply fungicide at preventive or treatment rate if needed (see above products)
- * Wait until the later part of the month to begin selective weed control. Until then pull or spot-kill weeds with a non selective herbicide (see above products)

OCTOBER

- * Apply fertilizer or weed/feed now if you didn't in September. Bahia grass will soon begin to slow its growth. (see above products)
- * Insects and fungus begin to decline, however chinch bugs, mole crickets, grubs, and a few other insects might still need to be treated with insecticide (see above products)
- * Mowing, digging, and spot-killing weeds can continue, as well as the use of selective weed-control products. Broadleaf weed types are the easiest to control: **Hi-Yield Atrazine, Hi-Yield 2-4-D, Fertilome Dollar Weed Control, Sedge Ender Nutsedge Control, Image Nutsedge Control, Fertilome Nutsedge Control, Fertilome Weed Out**

NOVEMBER

- * Apply winterizer (potassium-only fertilizer) to your lawn: **Winterizer for Established Lawns**
- * Apply a pre-emergence herbicide if needed (see above products)
- * Treat grubs in your lawn, and watch for chinch bugs and mole crickets and treat with insecticide as needed. (see above products)

DECEMBER

- * **NO** fertilizer or weed/feed for St. Augustine, zoysia and bahia lawns
- * Fungicide for "Brown Patch" if needed (Fungicides do **NOT** help cold damaged lawns)
- * Do not use pesticides at this time of year
- * Overseed with rye grass if desired: **Fertilome New Lawn Starter**

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