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**TALL FESCUE-KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS-PERENNIAL RYEGRASS  
 MAINTENANCE CALENDAR**

ACTIVITY	Jan	Feb	March	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Establish or Overseed		XX	XXXX	X					XX	XX		
Mowing	2.5"	2.5"	2.5"	2.5"	2.5"	2.5-3"	2.5-3"	2.5-3"	2.5-3"	2.5"	2.5"	2.5"
Fertilization			F	F					F		F	
Rainfall or Watering Needs	1"/2wk	1"/2wk	1"/wk	1"/wk	2"/wk	2"/wk	2"/wk	2"/wk	2"/wk	1"/wk	1"/wk	1"/2wk
Weed Control - Preemergent		XXXX	X					X	X			
Weed Control - Postemergent		--Bro	adleaf	--						--Bro	dleaf-	
White Grub Control				P	PP			CC	CC			
Aerification									X	XXX		

Note: X = Best time frame for indicated activity. Adjust based on uniqueness of each year and local needs.  
 Watering - Number equals projected water needed on a weekly basis if watering will be practiced.  
 Mowing - Number listed is the cutting height for each mowing if using low to medium maintenance.  
 Fertilizing (F) – letter indicates optimum timing. Adjust the amount/timing on intended results.  
 White grub control – P = preventive insecticides; C = curative insecticides (see notes below).

**CULTIVARS**

90% tall fescue mixed with 10% Kentucky bluegrass is suggested. Perennial ryegrass is not suggested. Use 2 or more improved tall fescues in the mix with 1 or more bluegrasses. Many good varieties are available.

**ESTABLISHMENT**

New Lawn - Seed at label directed rate.  
 Overseeding - Overseed at labeled rate or at 1/2 full "New Lawn" rate. Best Time - Fall Second Choice - Spring

**MOWING**

Mow at 2.5 - 3". Remove no more than 1/3 of the top growth at any one time. Recycle by removing the lawn catcher or use a mulching mower.

**WATERING**

Keep soil moist during establishment. When mature, moisten to 4 - 6 inches soil depth. Water mature grass when footprint impressions remain after walking over lawn. Adjust watering based

on the needs of the lawn and rainfall that occurs and not a set schedule.

**FERTILIZING**

- Soil test every 3 years.
- Apply 1 lb. of actual nitrogen per 1000 sq. ft. in late February or early March, either late April or very early May, late September, and mid to late November.
- Avoid fertilizing during the summer (June through August).

**Pest Management** - Scout lawns frequently. Identify pests. Use improved varieties. Adjust management practices. Record history of pest problems. Use pesticides only if needed. Read & follow label directions!

## **WEED CONTROL**

**Preemergent Grass Control** – (pick only 1, products with “\*\*” are best, remember do not apply prior to seeding or laying sod). A second application may be needed, see labels for details.

dithiopyr\*\* (DIMENSION®) – pre emergent activity for crabgrass, other weedy grasses and many broadleaved weeds.

pendimethalin\*\* (SCOTT’S HALTS® and many others) Same coverage as Dimension.

prodiamine\*\* (BARRICADE®) – on fertilizer particle. Same coverage as Dimension

bensulide (BETASAN®, SCOTT’S WEEDGRASS PREVENTER®)

oryzalin + benefin (XL 2G®\*\*, AMAZE®) - if Kentucky bluegrass or perennial ryegrass are present consider another herbicide.

### **Preemergent Broadleaf Control -**

isoxaben (GALLERY®, PORTRAIT®, Isoxaben)

### **Postemergent Broadleaf Control -**

WEED-B-GON®, TRIMEC®, Bayer Lawn Weed & Crabgrass Killer®, Spectracide Weed Stop For Lawns® or Ortho Weed-B-Gone Max plus Crabgrass Control®.

### **Postemergent Crabgrass (Grassy Weed) Control -**

products containing quinchlorac such as Drive® are useful in controlling crabgrass after emergence. Quinchlorac is often found in pre-mix products that are labeled for crabgrass control including several found under the "Postemergent Broadleaf Control" section.

### **Postemergent Nutsedge Control -**

halosulfuron-methyl (SEDGEHAMMER®) – for yellow or purple nutsedge.

benazone (BASAGRAN®) - yellow nutsedge.

### **Grass Killer for Edging -** (do not use these over the lawn)

glyphosate (ROUNDUP®, ROUNDUP PRO®, RANGER PRO®, HONCHO PLUS®, KILLZALL®, and many more)

glufosinate-ammonium (FINALE®)

fluazifop-butyl (GRASS-B-GON®, OVER-THE-TOP WEED & GRASS KILLER®)

sethoxydim (SEGMENT®, Grass Getter®) – for tall fescue control, not ryegrass or bluegrass control

## **WHITE GRUB CONTROL**

**Preventive (P):** Products containing imidacloprid (Bayer Advanced Seasonlong Grub Control®, Merit®), clothianidin (Arena®, Green Light Grub Control with Arena®), chlorantraniliprole (Acelepryn®, Scott’s GrubEx®), or halofenozide (Natural Guard Grub Control®), cyantraniliprole (Ference) Apply late April to mid-May.

**Curative (C):** Products containing trichlorfon (Dylox®, Bayer Advanced™ 24 Hour Grub Killer), clothianidin (Arena®, Green Light Grub Control with Arena®) or carbaryl (Sevin). Apply August through September when grub damage appears. Irrigate after application to activate the product.

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