



CENTIPEDEGRASS LAWN CALENDAR

Mowing Height:

1" - 1½". This is THE most important practice for a healthy centipede grass lawn.

Water:

1" per week if no rainfall.

Fertilization:

Follow fertilizer recommendations on soil test report. If the soil was not tested, use any turf fertilizer and follow label rates.

In the spring, do not apply nitrogen containing fertilizers until the soil temperature at the 4" depth is constantly 65°F and rising.

Ideal pH Range: 5.0- 6.0

Lime is rarely needed.

Aeration:

Use a core aerator during active growth season.

Dethatch: If thatch exceeds 0.5" deep use a vertical mower with blades 1" apart; go over the lawn only one direction. Top dressing with 0.25" of soil can be effective.

Seeding – New Lawn*:

0.25 - 1.0 lb per 1,000ft².

Overseeding – Established Lawns*:

Overseeding centipede grass with ryegrass is not recommended.

Sodding:

500 ft² per pallet typical.

Weed Control:

Read product label carefully to determine which weeds are controlled and on which grasses the product can be used.

Spring preemergent*(prevents crabgrass, goosegrass and other summer weed seeds from sprouting)

Broadleaf postemergent*(spot spray to kill broadleaf plants like chickweed, wild violet, dandelion, wild onion, etc.)

Grassy weed postemergent*(kills grassy weeds like crabgrass, dallisgrass, etc.) Do not apply to drought-stressed centipede grass.

Winter preemergent*(prevents chickweed and other winter weed seeds from sprouting)

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* Read weed control product labels carefully. Some products can not be applied to lawns that will be seeded within a few weeks or when transitioning to active growth.