



Buffalograss lawn calendar

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Dates	Fertilization	Cultural practices	Pest control	Notes
Apr. 15- May 1	0.75-1.0 lb N/1000 sq ft		Apply preemergence herbicide for crabgrass control	Most preemergence herbicides are only available with N as the carrier. Try to limit N rate to 0.75 lbs N/1000 sq ft and use products containing 25 to 50% slow release N*.
May		Begin mowing as needed or desired		Mow at 3.0 to 4.0 inches as needed to avoid removing more than 1/3 of the leaf blade. Mow at this height throughout the year.
June			Apply postemergence herbicides for crabgrass and/or broadleaf weeds if a problem	Applications containing quinclorac will control many weeds. Avoid applications containing 2,4-D once temperatures are higher than 75F.
June	0.75-1.0 lb N/1000 sq ft			Apply only if nitrogen was not applied with preemergence herbicide.
June-July			Watch for chinch bug feeding	Apply insecticide only if chinchbug damage is at unacceptable levels.
July-	0.75-1.0 lb N/1000 sq ft			Use products containing 25 to 50% slow release N*. Phosphorus and/or potassium can be applied now if soil tests dictate.
Oct 1-Nov 1			Apply broadleaf herbicide to control dandelions and other perennials	Many broadleaf herbicides are effective, but avoid 2,4-D at temperatures higher than 75F.
Oct 15- Nov 1		Continue mowing until lawn stops growing		Continue mowing at 3.0 to 4.0 inches until lawn stops growing
Nov 1 – Feb. 1			Apply non-selective postemergence herbicides for weed control	Herbicides containing glyphosate can be applied to control green weeds in dormant buffalograss. Be sure that buffalograss is fully dormant and herbicides contain glyphosate. Weeds will die slowly at this time of year.

*% slow release N = total % of slow release forms listed on the label ÷ % of total N.

Other sources of information from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln:

Fertilizing home lawns: <http://turf.unl.edu/pdfcaextpub/HomeLawnFertilization2012f.pdf>

Soil testing for turf areas: <http://turf.unl.edu/pdfcaextpub/SoilTesting2012g.pdf>

Irrigating home lawns: <http://turf.unl.edu/pdfcaextpub/homelawnirrigation2011a.pdf>

Crabgrass control in home lawns: <http://turf.unl.edu/pdfcaextpub/Crabgrasscontrolhomelawn2010b.pdf>

Broadleaf weed control in home lawns: <http://turf.unl.edu/pdfcaextpub/BDLVcontrol2011b.pdf>

Chinch bugs in buffalograss and zoysia turf: <http://www.ianrpubs.unl.edu/epublic/live/g1952/build/g1952.pdf>

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