



Spring

March thru May

- * Hedge Trimming
- * Mowing

Mow lawn at a height of 3 inches. Mow frequently enough so that no more than 1/3 of the grass blade is removed. Always leave clippings in the lawn for grass –cycling. Grass clippings decompose quickly and do not contribute to thatch unless more than 1/3 of the grass is removed.

- * Fertilizing

Do not fertilize tall fescue after March 15th.

- * Irrigation

Water as needed to prevent drought. About 1 inch of water per application each week is adequate.

- * Weed Control

Apply preemergence herbicides to control crabgrass, goose grass, foxtails and other annual weeds. Apply when dogwoods are in bloom.

- * Aeration and Over Seeding

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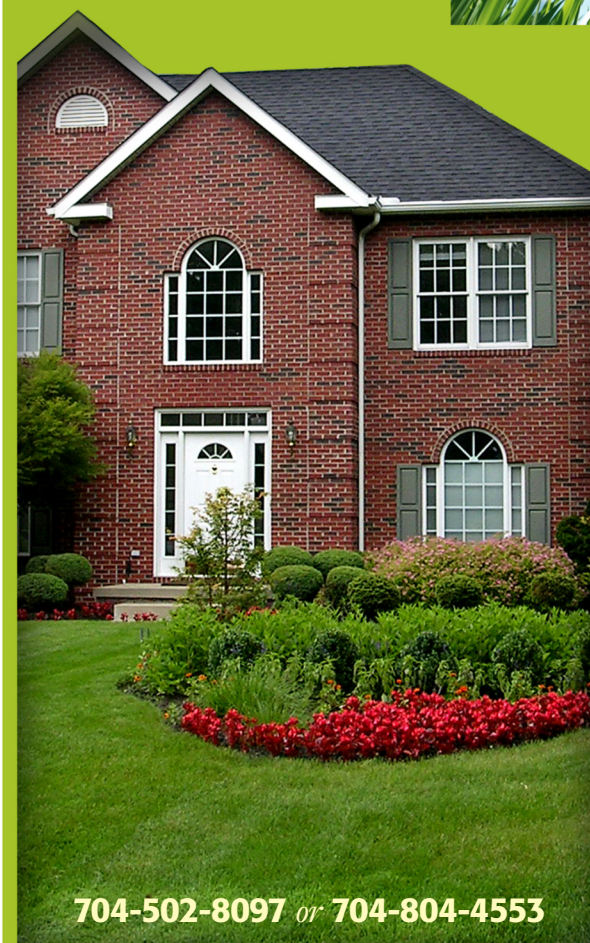
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Summer

June thru August

* Mowing

Raise mower height to 3 ½ inches. Mow frequently enough so that no more than 1/3 of the grass blade is removed. Always leave clippings in the lawn for grass –cycling. Grass clippings decompose quickly and do not contribute to thatch unless more than 1/3 of the grass is removed.

* Fertilizing

Do not fertilize at this time.

Irrigation Either water as needed to prevent drought or allow the lawn to go dormant. About 1 inch of water per application each week is adequate. Dormant lawns should receive about ½ inch water every 3 weeks to prevent crown dehydration and plant death.

* Disease Control

Check lawn frequently for brown patch and it commonly occurs in fescue in June, July and August but may be seen as early as March and as late as September.

* Weed Control

Avoid the use of herbicides at this time because fescue is stressed by drought and high temperatures.

* Insect Control

Check for grubs in August and control if needed.

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Fall

September thru November

* Hedge Trimming

* Mowing

Mow lawn between 2 ½ to 3 ½ inches. Mow frequently enough so that no more than 1/3 of the grass blade is removed. Always leave clippings in the lawn for grass –cycling. Grass clippings decompose quickly and do not contribute to thatch unless more than 1/3 of the grass is removed. If prolonged rain or other factors prevent mowing and clippings are over 1/3 remove from the lawn.

* Fertilizing

The best way to determine the lawn's nutrients is by a soil test. In the absence of a soil test use a complete turf- grade fertilizer with a 4-1-2 ratio, such as 16-4-8. Apply one pound of actual nitrogen per 1000 square feet in September and, optionally again in November.

* Irrigation

A dark bluish gray color, foot printing and wilted, folded or curled leaves indicate that the turf needs water. Tall fescue needs a weekly application of about 1 to 1 ¼ inches of water, which will wet the soil to a depth of 4 to 6 inches.

* Weed Control

Apply broadleaf herbicides to control dandelions, wild onions, cudweed and other weeds if necessary.

* Insect Control

Check for white grubs through October and control if needed.

* Aeration and Over Seeding

Core aerify .



Winter

December thru February

* Mowing

Mow lawn at 3 inches and keep clear of debris including leaves.

* Fertilizing

Fertilize with nitrogen in February. Use a 4-1-2 ratio if soil test is not done.

* Irrigation

Water, if needed, to prevent excessive drying.

About an inch of water per week.

* Weed

Control apply broadleaf herbicides as necessary.

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