



# TURF-TYPE TALL FESCUE LAWN CALENDAR

**Mowing Height:**

2" – 3" raise 0.5" higher in hot weather. Remove no more than 1/3 total height at one time.

**Water:**

1" per week if no rainfall. Sod laid in fall or winter months must not be allowed to dry; water as needed.

**Fertilization: 2 – 4 lbs. N/1000 ft<sup>2</sup>/YR**

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

**Ideal pH Range: 5.5 – 6.5**

Use dolomitic lime per soil test recommendation. Can be applied at any time.

**Aeration:**

Use a core aerator during active growth season.

**Dethatch:** Generally not necessary.

**Seeding – New Lawn\*:**

5 - 6 lb per 1000 ft<sup>2</sup>.

**Interseeding – Established Lawns\*:**

3 - 5 lb seed per 1000 ft<sup>2</sup>.

**Sodding:**

Tall fescue is not available in all months of the year.

**Weed Control:**

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

**Spring preemergence\*** prevents crabgrass, goosegrass and other summer weed seeds from sprouting.

**Broadleaf postemergence\*** spot spray to kill broadleaf plants like chickweed, wild violet, dandelion, wild onion, etc.

**Grassy weed postemergence\*** kills grassy weeds like crabgrass, dallisgrass, etc. Do not apply to drought-stressed tall fescue.

**Winter preemergence\*** prevents chickweed and other winter weed seeds from sprouting.

<b>B</b>		<b>Best Month</b>			<b>P</b>			<b>M</b>			<b>Marginal Month</b>	
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	
OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	New sod	New sod	
	B	B	P					P	B	B		
B	B	B	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	B	B	
M	M	B	B	M				P	B	P	M	
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	B	B	P									
OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	
				P	P	M	M					
								B	P			

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