



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. 30 days watering allowed for newly planted sod or seed. Sod laid in fall or winter months should be kept moist.

Fertilization: 2 – 4 lbs N/1000 ft²/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 lbs per 1000 ft².

Interseeding–Established Lawns*:

3 - 5 lbs seed per 1000 ft².

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. Do not apply preemergence herbicides if lawn is to be seeded or interseeded within 3 to 4 months.

B		Best Month			P			Possible Month		M			Marginal Month	
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			
P	P	P	P						P	P	P			
	P	P	M	M				P	B	P				
M	P	P	P					P	B	P	M			
	B	P	P	M				P	B	P				
B	B	B	P	M				P	B	B	B			
	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 within a few weeks of establishment.