# The Georgia Gardener Im

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# ST. AUGUSTINEGRASS LAWN CALENDAR

## **MOWING HEIGHT:**

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

#### WATER:

1 inch per week if no rainfall

#### **FERTILIZATION:**

Use any turf fertilizer two or three times per year. Follow label directions and rate.

#### IDEAL pH RANGE: 5.5 - 6.5

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

#### **AERATION:**

Use a core aerator during active growth season.

**DETHATCH:** If thatch exceeds .5 inch deep use a vertical mower with blades 1" apart and go over lawn only once. Topdressing with .25" soil is most effective. **SEEDING - NEW LAWN:** 

St. Augustine cannot be established from seed.

#### **OVERSEEDING - ESTABLISHED LAWN:**

Overseeding with ryegrass in winter is not recommended.

#### SODDING

500 sq. ft. per pallet

## WEED CONTROL:

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

**Spring pre-emergent\*** (prevents crabgrass, goosegrass and other summer weed seeds from sprouting)

**Broadleaf post-emergent** \* (spot spray to kill broadleafed plants like chickweed, wild violet, dandelion, wild onion, etc)

**Grassy weed post-emergent** - there are no herbicides available for control of grassy weeds in St. Augustine

Winter pre-emergent \* (prevents chickweed and other winter weed seeds from sprouting)

| Jan | Feb  | Mar      | Apr      | May      | Jun      | Jul      | Aug      | Sep  | Oct      | Nov      | Dec |
|-----|------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------|----------|----------|-----|
|     |      |          | ОК       | ОК       | ОК       | ОК       | ОК       | ОК   |          |          |     |
|     |      |          | OK       | OK       | OK       | OK       | OK       | OK   |          |          |     |
|     |      |          |          | Best     | Best     |          | Best     | Best |          |          |     |
|     |      |          |          |          |          |          |          |      |          |          |     |
|     |      | Possible | Possible | Best     | Best     | Possible |          |      |          |          |     |
|     |      |          |          | Possible | Possible |          |          |      |          |          |     |
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|     |      |          | Possible | Best     | Best     | Best     | Possible |      |          |          |     |
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|     | Best | Best     | Marginal |          |          |          |          |      |          |          |     |
| ОК  | ОК   |          |          | OK       | ОК       | OK       | ОК       | ОК   | OK       | ОК       | ОК  |
|     |      |          |          |          |          |          |          |      |          |          |     |
| _   |      |          |          |          |          |          |          | Best | Possible | Marginal | _   |

<sup>\*</sup> Read weed control product labels carefully. Some products can not be applied when grass is transitioning to active growth.