

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY TURF CARE CALENDAR FOR COOL-SEASON GRASSES

Bluegrass, Tall Fescue, Fine Fescue, Perennial Ryegrass
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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Soil Test (every 2 - 3 years)												
Adjust pH (lime/sulfur)												
Top dress with fine textured compost												
Core aerate												
Fertilize*												
Mow, 3-4" (4" in summer)												
Over-seeding (if needed)												
Sodding damaged areas (if needed)												
Weed Control:												
Summer Grasses Pre-emergent (if needed)												
Violet, Ground Ivy, Crimson Clover Oxalis												
Lespedeza, Spurge												
Chickweed, Dandelion, Clover, Plantain**												
Onion/Garlic Bittercress**												
Insect Control:												
Chinch bugs (if needed)												
Sod webworms (if needed)												
White grubs (if needed)												
Disease Control: ***												

* Fall fertilization is recommended. Fall fertilizer applications should be applied at a rate of no more than 0.9 lb. N per 1,000 sf per application when using a fertilizer with 15% or more slow release fertilizer or no more than 0.7 lb. N per 1,000 sf per application when using a fertilizer with less than 15% slow release nitrogen. Spring fertilization is strongly discouraged as it increases the likelihood and severity of disease problems. If Spring fertilization is made, only make 1 application at a rate of no more than 0.5 lb. N per 1000 square feet per application. Most cool season lawns do not need more than 2-2.5 lb. N per 1,000 sf per year.

** The timing of herbicides for these broad leaf weeds reflects when these plants are most active in moving chemicals to their roots and when accidental damage to other plants is lest likely to occur. Post emergents are effective any time these weeds are actively growing.

*** Most common turf diseases are largely comestic and fungicides are not recommended for home lawns in most cases.

For specific questions, call the Extension Horticulture Help Desk, 703-792-7747 or email us at mastergardener@pwcgov.org.

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