



Bermudagrass Care & Maintenance

Mowing

- Begin routine mowing as soon as the grass begins to turn green in the spring.
- Set the mowing height at 1 to 2 inches for Common bermudagrass and 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 inches for hybrid varieties.
- Remove no more than one-third of the leaf area with any one mowing. The lower the mowing height, the more frequently you will need to mow. The grass will be much better quality if you mow frequently at a lower height.
- It is best not to bag grass clippings. They decompose quickly and return many nutrients to the soil.
- Start mowing in the spring when the grass turns green.

Fertilizing

- Begin fertilizing after the grass turns green and there is little chance of a late frost. Test the soil to determine what nutrients your lawn needs.

Watering

- To keep your lawn healthy, water it only when the grass needs it.
- When you do water, wet the soil to a depth of 6 inches. Don't water again until the grass shows symptoms of drought stress—a dull bluish color, rolled or folded leaves, and persistent footprints. This usually occurs in 5 to 10 days, depending on the weather.

Weed Control

- Apply pre-emergent herbicides for spring and summer weeds after the threat of winter injury.
- Control broadleaf weeds with post-emergence applications. Always follow label directions.
- Do not exceed more than two to three applications of herbicide per year.