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PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY TURF CARE CALENDAR FOR WARM-SEASON GRASSES

Bermudagrass, Zoysia

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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												
Over-seeding (if needed)**												
Sodding Damaged Areas (if needed)												
Weed Control:												
Summer Grasses Pre-emergent (if needed)												
Violet, Ground Ivy, 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: ****												

*Apply at a rate of no more than 1.0 lb. N per 1,000 sf per application for fertilizer with at least 15% slow release nitrogen or 0.9 lb. N per 1,000 sf per application for fertilizer with less than 15% release nitrogen.

For **Bermuda Grass** nitrogen can be applied 3-4 times at 30 day intervals through the middle of August. Most home lawns do not need more than 2 lb. N per 1,000sf per year

For **Zoysia Grass**, fertilize once in late May/early June and again in early-mid July Zoysia should not receive more than 2 lb. N per 1,000 sf per year

** Warm season grass seed is difficult to obtain and repairs are made with plugs or sod.

*** The timing of herbicides for these broad leaf weeds reflects when these plants most active in moving chemicals to their roots and when accidental damage to other plants is lest likely to occur.

Post emergents are effective anytime these weeds are actively growing. Please contact us for weeds not listed above.

**** 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 master_gardener@pwcgov.org.

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