

BERMUDA GRASS IN MISSISSIPPI

WARM-SEASON LAWN CALENDAR

Weather overrides the month. Repair during active warmth; reduce work as growth slows. Prepare water equipment before your first local freeze, even if earlier than shown.

01 JANUARY Check winter conditions Protect frosted or saturated turf. Check moisture during extended dry weather. Check: Cold-weather browning alone is not a call for nitrogen.	02 FEBRUARY Prepare for growth Confirm common or hybrid cultivar and suitable repair material. Check: A warm spell does not prove sustained green-up.	03 MARCH Watch green-up Compare growth across the lawn. Identify weeds before choosing a control method. Check: Delay disruptive work while the grass is still dormant.
04 APRIL Wait for steady growth Resume mowing as needed at a cultivar-suitable height. Inspect irrigation coverage. Check: Nitrogen and coring need suitable active growth, not a date.	05 MAY Map leaf-on shade Photograph a thin patch at different times as surrounding trees carry leaves. Check: Extra fertilizer cannot replace sunlight.	06 JUNE Check mowing frequency Use growth and the amount removed to decide when to mow again. Check: A weekly interval can be too long.
07 JULY Compare shaded and open soil Check root moisture in each area before changing irrigation. Check: Tree roots can compete for water.	08 AUGUST Leave recovery time Inspect wear and thinning. Plan remaining repairs only if enough warm growing time remains. Check: Do not begin major work as growth is shutting down.	09 SEPTEMBER Reassess the season Reduce mowing frequency if growth slows. Review winter annual weeds and upcoming local restrictions. Check: Avoid late nitrogen that forces growth before cold weather.
10 OCTOBER Protect the leaf cover Clear heavy leaves and monitor moisture. Keep traffic off frosted turf where frost occurs. Check: Brown color may be dormancy; diagnose patches separately.	11 NOVEMBER Adjust to the site If growth has slowed, reduce inputs. Winterize irrigation where freezing is expected. Check: In frost-free areas, follow continued growth and rainfall.	12 DECEMBER Keep a useful record Record this year's green-up, repairs and water use. Inspect dry or repeatedly wet areas. Check: Do not assume every warm-season lawn is dormant now.

Base spring work on sustained grass growth; a brief warm spell is not a full growing season.

LAWN AREA: _____ GRASS / CULTIVAR: _____

Use current local advice and product labels. New seed, sod and plugs need separate establishment care. This is a planning sheet, not a monthly treatment schedule.

Mississippi State Extension: How often should I mow?
Mississippi State Extension: Selecting and Managing Turfgrass for Shade



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