

CENTIPEDE GRASS IN ALABAMA

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 Use grass-specific soil and fertility guidance. Check: A warm spell does not prove sustained green-up.	03 MARCH Compare winter exposure Photograph sheltered and exposed patches as green-up begins. Check: Cold injury needs assessment, not automatic nitrogen.
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 Protect a repair Repair only with active warm growth and a plan to keep traffic off. Check: Centipedegrass fills slowly.	06 JUNE Use the growing window Mow by growth. Core compacted areas only if needed and the lawn can recover. Check: Avoid saturated or drought-stressed soil.
07 JULY Watch heat and water Check rainfall, root moisture and sprinkler coverage. Adjust care to the lawn's actual response. Check: Do not copy a high-nitrogen bermudagrass program.	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 Review repeated wear Mark any route that stayed thin despite summer care. Check: Consider access changes before reseeding again.
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.

Compare coastal exposure with your inland site, and note when this lawn actually resumes growth.

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.



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