

CENTIPEDE GRASS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

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 Watch the green-up Record growth and cold spells in your part of South Carolina. Check: Avoid early nitrogen on dormant centipedegrass.
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 Use the soil report Review grass-specific pH and nutrient advice as active growth returns. Check: Do not add lime or sulfur without a recommendation.	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 Ease toward autumn Check moisture and maintain an appropriate cut as growth slows. Check: Do not add routine fall nitrogen.
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.

Clemson's calendar is regional guidance; adjust for your coast, Midlands or Upstate site and the current year.

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.

Clemson Extension: Centipedegrass yearly maintenance
USDA: Land-grant university directory



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