

FINE FESCUE IN ALASKA

COOL-SEASON LAWN CALENDAR

Weather overrides the month. Use favorable cool growth for repair; protect turf through heat, frost or saturation. Prepare water equipment before your first local freeze, even if earlier than shown.

01 JANUARY Protect winter turf Limit repeated traffic over frosted or snow-covered grass. Note where meltwater later collects. Check: Keep fertilizer off frozen or snow-covered ground.	02 FEBRUARY Prepare the kit Check the species and mixture label before repairing. Check: Confirm the grass or seed mixture before ordering.	03 MARCH Plan around local thaw Review drainage and repair records. Wait for actual thaw and firm ground before starting outdoor work. Check: Do not import a mainland spring treatment date.
04 APRIL Wait for local thaw Inspect drainage and protect soft soil. Start mowing only after growth resumes and the surface is firm. Check: Interior, Southcentral and Southeast Alaska differ.	05 MAY Follow growth as it starts Check your grass height, root moisture and mower condition as local growth resumes. Check: Work only when the soil supports equipment.	06 JUNE Use the growing season Mow by growth and check rainfall against soil moisture. Protect any new lawn repair. Check: Follow local Alaska establishment advice.
07 JULY Check summer progress Compare repaired and healthy turf. Evaluate remaining work while enough local growing time remains. Check: Do not wait for a distant state's autumn seeding date.	08 AUGUST Plan the repair window Measure bare areas and arrange suitable seed. Plan necessary coring around recovery conditions. Check: Use local Alaska guidance; establishment time before freezing can be short.	09 SEPTEMBER Check the closing window Inspect repairs and clear heavy leaf cover. Avoid starting work too late for local establishment. Check: A mainland September seeding date may be too late here.
10 OCTOBER Prepare before freezing Keep leaves from matting and protect soft turf. Winterize water equipment before the first local freeze. Check: Move these tasks earlier when your site requires it.	11 NOVEMBER Wind down as needed Keep leaves from matting and protect wet turf. Winterize water equipment where freezing is expected. Check: Do not apply fertilizer to frozen or snow-covered soil.	12 DECEMBER Review the short season Save cultivar details and compare thaw, growth and repair dates from the year. Check: Plan with the Alaska guidance for your region.

Alaska Extension publishes separate guidance for Southcentral/Interior and Southeast Alaska. Wait for workable, thawed soil; do not import a February treatment calendar.

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.

Minnesota Extension: Renovating a lawn for quality and sustainability
Alaska Extension: Lawns in Southcentral and Interior Alaska



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