

TALL FESCUE IN CALIFORNIA

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 the surface Keep repeated traffic off frosted, frozen or saturated turf. Note where water collects. Check: Growing in a mild winter? Mow only as needed.	02 FEBRUARY Prepare the kit Repair thin areas in a locally suitable seeding window. Check: Confirm the grass or seed mixture before ordering.	03 MARCH Watch the restart Inspect winter damage after thaw. Wait for firm ground before raking or mowing. Check: Use local weed timing; check any seeding restrictions.
04 APRIL Follow spring growth Mow at the local height for your grass. Check irrigation for leaks and blocked coverage. Check: Avoid heavy equipment on soft, wet soil.	05 MAY Measure water Compare rain and irrigation with root-zone moisture. Check thin areas before buying treatments. Check: Feed only if the local nutrient plan calls for it.	06 JUNE Check inland heat Compare sprinkler coverage and root moisture before reseeding a weak area. Check: Wait if establishment conditions are unfavorable.
07 JULY Check the dry spots Compare affected and healthy areas. Inspect sprinkler coverage before extending watering everywhere. Check: Avoid a warm-season summer feeding routine.	08 AUGUST Plan a local repair Confirm your local seeding window, seed mixture and watering capacity. Check: Check recent herbicide reseeding restrictions.	09 SEPTEMBER Repair when ready Reseed thin areas only if weather and establishment care fit your location. Check: Coastal and inland conditions differ.
10 OCTOBER Keep light reaching turf Remove heavy leaf cover and mow while growth continues. Recheck repaired patches. Check: Late feeding or seeding depends on local guidance.	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 year Save photos, seed labels and your care log. Pick one recurring problem to investigate. Check: A mild site may still need mowing and moisture checks.

Identify your coastal, inland or higher-elevation setting and local water rules. No single grass is best across California.

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.

UC IPM: Tall fescue management tips
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