

ZOYSIA 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 Match cutting height and repair material to the cultivar. 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 Plan a warm repair If growth is vigorous, repair diagnosed bare areas with suitable grass material. Protect establishment. Check: Confirm the cultivar's seed, sod or plug requirements.	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: Give repairs enough active warm growth to establish.	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.

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.

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