

A LAWN NEAR THE COAST

YOUR MONTH-BY-MONTH FIELD NOTES

Use months as reminders; local weather, grass growth and establishment stage take priority. Move freeze preparation ahead of your first local freeze, even if earlier than shown.

01 JANUARY Map exposure Distinguish coastal spray, salty irrigation, road salt and ordinary drought symptoms.	02 FEBRUARY Identify the grass Check local suitability and salt tolerance before choosing replacement material.	03 MARCH Inspect the edges Photograph areas nearest roads, splash or prevailing coastal wind.
04 APRIL Check water quality If salt is suspected, ask an appropriate lab or local extension which test is useful.	05 MAY Compare roots and drainage Salt injury and poor water movement can occur together; investigate both.	06 JUNE Adjust site care Keep spray and runoff sources in mind when changing irrigation or planting.
07 JULY Watch dry weather Concentrated salts and moisture stress need diagnosis, not an automatic fertilizer application.	08 AUGUST Plan suitable replacement Choose locally appropriate grass or planting only after understanding the exposure.	09 SEPTEMBER Repair in season Use a suitable recovery window and avoid simply repeating a failing grass choice.
10 OCTOBER Inspect storm effects After coastal flooding or spray events, seek local recovery guidance for the actual water source.	11 NOVEMBER Reduce avoidable salt Where deicing is relevant, limit lawn exposure while maintaining safe access.	12 DECEMBER Review the pattern Compare photos and tests before planning any flushing, drainage or planting work.

Observe the cause | Choose the right growing window | Keep a short photo and care log

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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