Way to Grow

Annual Lawn Care Schedule

TIMING IS EVERYTHING WHEN IT COMES TO HAVING A BEAUTIFUL LAWN. HANG THIS POSTER WHERE YOU WILL SEE IT, AND GIVE YOUR LAWN ATTENTION WHEN IT MAKES A REAL DIFFERENCE.

JANUARY

- Get your mower tuned up and its blade sharpened. The repair shop is quiet right now and you will get the best service.
- Rinse ice-melting salt off of grass as soon as possible, so it doesn't seep into the soil.

FEBRUARY

- Stock up on lawn-care supplies, including organic fertilizer and weed-control products.
- Prune trees and shrubs on days with moderate temperatures.

MARCH

 Get soil tested as soon as it is warm enough to dig.
 Use results to determine if you need to adjust pH to 6.0-6.5 with lime (up) or garden sulfur (down).

APRIL

- Apply Ringer Lawn
 Restore just before a
 light spring shower.
 Water the fertilizer in, if
 no rain is in the forecast
- Mow your lawn when the grass is 4 inches tall (in the North), or 3 inches tall (in the South).

MAY

- When the soil warms up to 55 degrees F, apply Concern Weed Prevention Plus to stop weeds before they come up.
- Set mower to its highest setting so the tall grass can grow deep roots.

JUNE

- Use Safer Brand Weed and Grass Killer on weeds sprouting up in patios, driveways and other spots.
- Apply Safer Brand Grub Killer to control chinch bugs and other pests.

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- Spread Ringer Lawn
 Restore to give grass nutrients needed to survive hot, dry conditions.
- Water your lawn only during droughts. A half-inch every four to six weeks keeps the roots alive.

AUGUST

- Apply nontoxic grub controls, such as Safer Brand Grub Killer.
- Spread compost.

SEPTEMBER

Start a new lawn or overseed established lawns.

OCTOBER

- Spread Ringer Lawn Restore to provide nutrients that help grass come up green the next spring.
- Set mower half an inch shorter to prevent snow mold and other fungal diseases in winter.

NOVEMBER

- Mow over thin layers of leaves, and let them fall back onto the lawn to increase organic matter. Mow and bag thick layers of leaves.
- Spread compost before the ground freezes.

DECEMBER

- Run the lawn mower until it has no gas left in the tank.
- Start planning a garden.
- Enjoy the lull in lawn-care chores.

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