

JANUARY

- Good time for a soil test (every 2-3 years). Centipede needs acidic soil (pH 5.0-6.0).

APRIL

- First light feeding (~0.5 lb N). ZERO phosphorus unless a soil test says otherwise.

JULY

- Keep mowing at 2-3" to shade the soil and hold moisture.

OCTOBER

- Soil cooling toward 70°F? Time for your fall pre-emergent.

FEBRUARY

- Soil hitting 50°F? Time for the first half of your split pre-emergent.

MAY

- Core aerate only if the soil is genuinely compacted. NEVER verticut. Centipede has no rhizomes to recover with.

AUGUST

- Final light feeding. Cap the whole year's nitrogen at 1 lb N / 1,000 sq ft.

NOVEMBER

- Growth slows as nights cool off.

MARCH

- Soil hits 55°F? Time for the second half.
- Treat any early yellowing with liquid iron, never nitrogen.

JUNE

- Spot-treat any weeds.
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SEPTEMBER

- ZERO NITROGEN. Late feeding pushes tender growth that won't survive winter.
- A high-potassium feed (0-0-20) helps now.
- Time for a preventative Large Patch fungicide (azoxystrobin).

DECEMBER

- Fully dormant. Keep traffic off the frozen stolons.

Good to know

Warm-season grass in USDA zone 8. 'Lazy man's grass.' Demands strict adherence to <1 lb annual N to prevent Centipedegrass Decline.

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