

JANUARY

- Dormant for the winter, minimal activity until spring.

APRIL

- Spot-treat any broadleaf weeds.
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JULY

- Water deeply and infrequently, about 1-1.5"/week, and syringe midday during 95°F+ stretches.
- Survival mode this month. Do NOT push growth.

OCTOBER

- Time for your primary fall feeding (heavy N, ~1 lb) once the new seedlings have been mowed twice.
- Good time for a second broadleaf weed pass.

FEBRUARY

- Good time for a soil test (every 2-3 years). It gets you set before fall, a cool-season lawn's biggest feeding.
- Soil hitting 50°F? Time for the first half of your split pre-emergent. Use a short-residual product.

MAY

- Hold all nitrogen now: feeding forces tender growth that Brown Patch feeds on.
- Start a preventative fungicide rotation for Brown Patch (azoxystrobin, rotating to propiconazole) once nights hold above 68°F. Curative spraying is too late.

AUGUST

- Good time to scout for grubs.
- Hold the line. No aeration or feeding on heat-stressed turf, and keep up the fungicide rotation.

NOVEMBER

- Once top-growth stops, apply a fast-release late-fall winterizer.

MARCH

- Soil hits 55°F? Time for the second half.
- Apply a light spring feeding (~0.5 lb N) to push deep root growth before the heat arrives.

JUNE

- Raise your mower to 3.5-4" to shade the roots.
- Good time for preventative grub control.
- Keep up the fungicide rotation every 14-28 days.

SEPTEMBER

- Late Sep, once the heat breaks: core aerate and overseed. Tall fescue can't spread on its own, so annual seeding is required for density. Once the heat breaks, your fescue shifts from survival back into active growth: this is when the year's most important feeding resumes.
- Apply a high-phosphorus starter fertilizer with the seed.

DECEMBER

- Fully dormant, minimal activity until spring.

Good to know

Cool-season grass in USDA zone 7. The dominant Transition Zone turf, but requires strict summer disease management, zero summer nitrogen, and annual late September overseeding.

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