

JANUARY

- Soil hitting 50°F? Time for the first half of your split pre-emergent. Use a short-residual product.

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 hits 55°F? Time for the second half.
- Apply a light spring feeding to push roots before the deep-south heat arrives.

MARCH

- Spot-treat any broadleaf weeds.
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APRIL

- ZERO NITROGEN. Feeding now fuels Pythium and Brown Patch.
- Start a preventative fungicide rotation (azoxystrobin, rotating to propiconazole) once nights hold above 68°F.

MAY

- Keep up the fungicide rotation every 14-28 days, alternating chemical classes.
- Raise your mower to 3.5-4" to shade the roots.

JUNE

- Good time for preventative grub control.
- Keep up the fungicide rotation. Pythium thrives in hot, waterlogged soil.

JULY

- Track and replace evapotranspiration (ET) losses to keep the crowns alive through the heat.

AUGUST

- Peak disease pressure. Keep up the fungicide rotation.
- Good time to scout for grubs.

SEPTEMBER

- Still baking. Stay in survival mode and hold off on aeration and overseeding. Once the heat breaks, your fescue shifts from survival back into active growth: this is when the year's most important feeding resumes.

OCTOBER

- Late Oct, once the heat truly breaks: core aerate and overseed.
- Apply a high-phosphorus starter fertilizer with the seed.
- Apply mesotrione (Tenacity) at seeding to block Poa annua through the mild winter.

NOVEMBER

- Time for your primary fall feeding (heavy N, ~1 lb) once the new seedlings have been mowed twice.

DECEMBER

- A light late feeding if the turf is still growing.
- Mow as needed through the mild winter.

Good to know

Cool-season grass in USDA zone 9. Extreme warm edge of TTTF's range. Demands relentless summer fungicide rotation, strict ET watering, and mesotrione at overseeding to block winter weeds.

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