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TURF CARE CALENDAR FOR COOL-SEASON GRASSES
Bluegrass, Tall Fescue, Fine Fescue, Perennial Ryegrass



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ID	Task Name	Month														
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec			
1	SOIL TEST (once every 2-3 years)			█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
2	TOP DRESS LAWN with organic material			█	█	█			█	█	█					
3	LIME according to soil test results (when the ground is not frozen)			█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
4	DETHATCH when thatch is over 1/2" thick			█	█	█			█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
5	AERATE to let air, water, nutrients get to deep roots			█	█				█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
6	FERTILIZE according to soil test results in the fall										█	█	█	█	█	█
7	FERTILIZE in the spring at half the rate, if turf is new or fall fertilization was not done					█	█									
8	SEED/OVERSEED at a rate of 2-4 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft., keep moist			█	█					█	█	█	█	█	█	█
9	SOD should be kept moist until established			█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
10	IDENTIFY diseases and insects and weeds before treatment			█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
11	WEED CONTROL			█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
12	Crabgrass, Goosegrass, Foxtail, Barnyardgrass			█	█											
13	Violet, Ground Ivy, Crimson Clover, Oxalis				█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
14	Chickweed, Dandelion, Clover, Plantain, Onion/Garlic, Bittercress										█	█	█	█	█	█
15	INSECTS should be identified first, then controlled when observed			█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
16	CHINCH BUGS float to the surface if present and produce yellow then brown patches					█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
17	SOD WEBWORMS prefer well-managed lawns and damage appears as small brown areas						█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
18	WHITE GRUBS feed on roots and cause brown areas in the lawn			█	█	█			█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
19	DISEASES are promoted by wet turf and over or under fertilization				█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
20	MOW high, use a sharp blade, leave grass clippings			█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
21	WATER deeply, 1" every 7-10 days depending on rain, preferably in the morning						█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█

For specific questions, call Prince William County Extension Office Horticultural Help Line, 703-792-7747 or email us at master_gardener@pwcgov.org. Visit a Neighborhood Plant Clinic, or visit our websites at www.ext.vt.edu & www.pwcgov.org/vce/enr