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General Schedule of St. Augustine, Zoysia, and Bermuda Maintenance for South Alabama

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- February** Apply pre-emerge herbicide.
- April** Aerify compacted soils.
Begin regular mowing.
 Once every 5 days if clippings are left on lawn.
 Once every 7 days if clippings are removed.
 Generally, do not remove more than 1/3 of the grass blade per mowing.
 Mow as low as possible without scalping (**weekly irrigation is necessary**)
 Otherwise mow to 1.5 inches high.
Begin weekly irrigation.
 Wet the soil down to 4 to 6 inches.
 Best time is between 2:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
 Continue irrigation if no rain occur until grass is dormant for the winter.
Map Molecricket activity for future treatments.
Fertilize with 24-6-12 @ 4lbs. Per 1000 ft² or according to soil test results.
- May** Watch for Spittle Bugs and Chinch Bugs and treat if needed.
Apply Ammonium Nitrate if more growth is desired @ 3lbs. Per 1000 ft².
- June** Apply post-emerge herbicide.
Fertilize with 24-6-12 @ 4lbs. Per 1000 ft² or according to soil test results.
Continue to watch for Spittle Bugs and Chinch Bugs and treat if needed.
- July** Treat for Molecricket in the areas mapped in April.
Apply Ammonium Nitrate if more growth is desired @ 3lbs. Per 1000 ft².
Continue to watch for Spittle Bugs and Chinch Bugs and treat if needed.

- August** Fertilize with 24-6-12 @ 4lbs. Per 1000 ft² or according to soil test results.
Continue to treat for Molecricquet in the areas mapped in April.
- September** Winterize weak turf with 5-5-25 @ 4lbs. Per 1000 ft² or
0-0-64 @ 4lbs. Per 1000 ft² or equivalent.
- October** Apply pre-emerge herbicide.
Optional: over-seed with rye grass.
Note: Not a recommended practice.
Do not use pre-emerge herbicide if over-seeding.
- November** Soil test.
- December** Lime according to soil test.