



Bermuda Care Guide

NEW SOD WATERING

Your sod is establishing a root system for the first 10-14 days. It's important to water turf immediately upon installation, and you can even water it while you are laying it. Apply 1/2 in - 1 inch water daily, so that the soil underneath the turf is very wet. Soil 3-4 inches deep should be damp (you can lift up the sod piece to test this). For the first 2 weeks, keep the turf and the soil below it moist with daily watering. Water is critically important, but be sure to water in the first half of the day - no need to water at night.

MOWING

Mow weekly to a height of 1/2 inch at the lowest, to 2 inches at the absolute highest. This is not Fescue! Bermuda is **not designed** to grow as tall as Fescue in the 3 inch range. Mow frequently, every 3-6 days for a more dense look to your lawn with no bare spots. Remove excess clippings. For best results, mow only the top 1/3 of the leaf blade at one time.

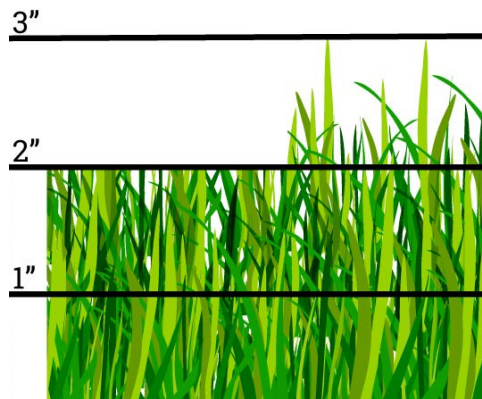
WEED CONTROL

- EARLY SPRING: Pre-Emergent for grassy weeds
- SPRING: Post-Emergent for broadleaf weeds
- MID SUMMER: Post-Emergent for broadleaf
- Fall: Pre-Emergent for grassy weeds

FERTILIZER

NO STARTER FERTILIZER needed! Our sod comes fully loaded with this farm's fertilizer treatments. Adding additional fertilizer now can overwhelm your grass and put it into stress. Instead, wait 2-3 weeks after install before you fertilize. Provide nutrients with annual fertilizer in a 16-4-8 ratio applied at a rate of 5-10 lbs per 1000 square feet. For additional density or color, apply every 4-6 weeks. One of our favorite slow-release Nitrogen fertilizers is *Milorganite*.

1/3 Rule to Mowing



2WKS

TIME YOU SHOULD SPEND WATERING DAILY TO ENCOURAGE ROOT ESTABLISHMENT

1IN

AMOUNT OF RAINFALL OR WATERING RECOMMENDED PER WEEK

8HRS

DIRECT SUNLIGHT REQUIRED FOR HEALTHY, HAPPY BERMUDA