

	Mowing	Watering	Fertilizer	Insects	Disease
Spring	Mow 4" every 6-7 days or as needed; slightly higher in shade.	Water thoroughly when needed. Apply when slight wilting is visible.	Apply after danger of frost or in mid-February in frost-free areas.	Apply insecticide according to label directions if needed.	Bahia exhibits tolerance to most diseases but regular monitoring will identify problems before they are severe.
Summer	Do not scalp. Never remove more than 1/3 of the leaf blade in any single mowing.	1" per week during summer months or drought for sandy loamy soils. Heavy soils require less. Turf in shaded areas will require less water.	Use balanced time-released fertilizer, such as 16-4-8. Can use products with iron to improve color. Perform soil analysis for best results.	Watch for webworms and mole crickets.	
Fall	Do not scalp. Never remove more than 1/3 of the leaf blade in any single mowing.	Infrequent thorough watering promotes healthy turf. Overwatering causes excessive growth, disease, root rot, and will suffocate turf.	In fall, use a balanced fertilizer such as 10-10-10. Can use products with iron to improve color.	Apply insecticides according to label directions if needed.	
Winter	Mowing in winter may not be necessary where dormancy is in effect.	Use a rain shutoff switch with automatic systems. Early morning hours are best for irrigation; night waterings are not suggested.	In winter, fertilizer is not recommended except in extreme south Florida. Perform soil analysis for best results.	Watch for mole crickets. Apply insecticides according to label directions if needed.	

