
	Mowing	Watering	Fertilizer	Insects	Disease
Spring	Mow 3.5"-4" every 7 days or as needed; slightly higher in shade.	Water thoroughly when needed. Apply when slight wilting is visible. 1" per week during summer months or drought for sandy loamy soils. Heavy soils require less.	Apply after danger of frost or in mid-February in frost-free areas.  Use balanced time-released fertilizer, such as 16-4-8. Can use products with iron to improve color.	Watch for chinch bugs during drought.  Apply insecticide according to label directions if needed.	 <p>Floritam St. Augustine exhibits tolerance to most diseases but regular monitoring will identify problems before they are severe.</p>
Summer	Do not scalp. Never remove more than 1/3 of the leaf blade in any single mowing.	Turf in shaded areas will require less water.  Infrequent thorough watering promotes healthy turf.	Perform soil analysis for best results.	Watch for chinch bugs, webworms, and mole crickets.  Apply insecticides according to label directions if needed.	
Fall	Do not scalp. Never remove more than 1/3 of the leaf blade in any single mowing.	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.		
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.	