
	Mowing	Watering	Fertilizer	Insects	Disease
Spring	<p>Mow 2-2.5" every 7-10 days or as needed; slightly higher in shade.</p> <p>Can mow to 1.5" if mowings are more frequent.</p>	<p>Water thoroughly when needed. Apply when slight wilting is visible.</p> <p>1" per week during summer months or drought for sandy loamy soils. Heavy soils require less.</p>	<p>Apply after danger of frost or in mid-February in frost-free areas.</p> <p>Use balanced time-released fertilizer, such as 16-4-8. Can use products with iron to improve color.</p>	<p>Watch for chinch bugs during drought.</p> <p>Apply insecticide according to label directions if needed.</p>	 <p>Sapphire St. Augustine exhibits tolerance to most diseases but regular monitoring will identify problems before they are severe.</p>
Summer	<p>Do not scalp. Never remove more than 1/3 of the leaf blade in any single mowing.</p>	<p>Turf in shaded areas will require less water.</p> <p>Infrequent thorough watering promotes healthy turf.</p>	<p>Perform soil analysis for best results.</p>	<p>Watch for chinch bugs, webworms, and mole crickets.</p> <p>Apply insecticides according to label directions if needed.</p>	
Fall	<p>Mow 2-2.5" every 10-14 days or as needed; slightly higher in shade.</p> <p>Can mow to 1.5" if mowings are more frequent.</p>	<p>Overwatering causes excessive growth, disease, root rot, and will suffocate turf.</p> <p>Use a rain shutoff switch with automatic systems.</p>	<p>In fall, use a balanced fertilizer such as 10-10-10.</p> <p>Can use products with iron to improve color.</p>	<p>Apply insecticides according to label directions if needed.</p>	
Winter	<p>Do not scalp. Never remove more than 1/3 of the leaf blade in any single mowing. Mowing in winter may not be necessary where dormancy is in effect.</p>	<p>Early morning hours are best for irrigation; night waterings are not suggested.</p>	<p>In winter, fertilizer is not recommended except in extreme south Florida.</p> <p>Perform soil analysis for best results.</p>	<p>Watch for mole crickets.</p> <p>Apply insecticides according to label directions if needed.</p>	