



# FERTILIZER AND AERATION SCHEDULE

**May 1 – 10: (Or when growth is observed, generally after the 1st or 2nd mowing in spring.)**

- a. Fertilize using 25-0-15 analysis.
- b. When you are done fertilizing, start watering at a rate of 1" in each area until you have watered the entire lawn, then repeat the 1" application of water the 3rd day.

**June 1 – 10:**

- a. Core aerate the lawn.
- b. Immediately fertilize using 25-0-15 analysis.
- c. When you are done fertilizing, start watering at a rate of 1" in each area until you have watered the entire lawn, then repeat the 1" application of water the 3rd day.

**Labor Day:**

- a. Core aerate the lawn.
- b. Immediately fertilize using 25-0-15 analysis.
- c. When you are done fertilizing, start watering at a rate of 1" in each area until you have watered the entire lawn, then repeat the 1" application of water the 3rd day.

**Oct. 25 – 31: (This is the winterizer application and can be done late into November, weather permitting.)**

- a. Fertilize using an analysis of 8-10-20 or 10-10-20 or similar.
- b. When you are done fertilizing, water-in the fertilizer. This is done the same as described above.

**Note:** The amount of time needed to apply 1" of water will depend on the water pressure and volume in your area and the volume of water that your hoses and plumbing will carry. However, the general rule is:

- Using hose and sprinklers: 1 – 1-1/2 hrs. per area.
- Sprinkler system: Run each zone 3 times per day at 30 minutes each zone with rotators and 3 times per day at 15 minutes each zone with soaker heads.

**Note:** Your soil may require a different fertilizer analysis than recommended. For best results, it is advisable to take periodic soil tests to determine what your soil needs are.

**Gypsum should be applied once annually at a rate of 10lbs. / 1000 sq. ft. to aid root system development, aerification, water and fertilizer usage and thatch decomposition. This should be done immediately after core aeration. You can still apply gypsum if you do not core aerate.**

**\*\*\*\* The first core aeration and gypsum application should be:**

- a. Sod installed before July 15: Labor Day
- b. Sod installed after July 15: Memorial Day of the following season.

**\*\*\*\* The first fertilizer should be applied 4 to 6 weeks after the sod has been installed.**

**NOTE:** To achieve the full benefits of the fertilizer, be sure it is applied evenly and at the proper rate. A good Broadcast type fertilizer spreader works best.

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