

Grassroots Organic Lawn Calendar

	Established Organic Lawns	New Organic Lawns	Lawns in Transition
JAN	Prepare machines and tools.	Prepare machines and tools.	Prepare machines and tools.
FEB	Order fertilizer and other amendments.	Order fertilizer and other amendments.	Order fertilizer and other amendments.
MAR	Property survey and winter damage assessment. Order compost if necessary.	Property survey and soil test. Winter damage assessment. Lime if necessary. Order compost.	Property survey and winter damage assessment. Lime if necessary. Order compost.
APR	First mow at 2 inches, remove clippings. Fertilize as required.	First mow at 2 inches, remove clippings. Apply corn gluten and fertilizer. Compost top dress.	First mow at 2 inches, remove clippings. Apply corn gluten and fertilizer. Compost top dress.
MAY	Set mower height to 3 inches. Leave clippings on lawn. Check irrigation - 1 inch per week.	Set mower height to 3 inches. Leave clippings on lawn. Over-seed. Check irrigation - 1 inch per week.	Set mower height to 3 inches. Leave clippings on lawn. Over-seed. Check irrigation - 1 inch per week.
JUN	Compost or compost tea application	Compost or compost tea application	Compost or compost tea application
JUL	Check irrigation. Check for thatch and remediate.	Check irrigation. Check for thatch and remediate.	Check irrigation. Check for thatch and remediate.
AUG	Fertilize if necessary	START HERE: Soil test. Remove weeds, rake soil and seed. Add lime if necessary.	Fertilize if necessary
SEP	Soil test. Aerate and overseed. Add lime & compost if necessary.	Soil test. Aerate and overseed. Add lime and compost if necessary.	Soil test. Aerate and overseed. Add lime and compost if necessary.
OCT	Lower mower height gradually.	Overseed again. Compost top dress. Lower mower height gradually.	Lower mower height gradually.
NOV	Last mow - 2 inches.	Last mow - 2 inches	Last mow - 2 inches
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