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CENTIPEDEGRASS LAWN CALENDAR

	Best Month		Possible Month			Marginal Month						
	B	P	P	P	M	M						
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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Mowing Height: 1" – 2" raise 0.5" higher in hot weather. This is the most important practice for a healthy centipede grass lawn.

Water: 1" per week if no rainfall. 30 days watering allowed for newly planted sod or seed. Sod laid in fall or winter months should be kept moist.

Fertilization: 1 – 2 lbs N/1000 ft²/Yr
Follow fertilizer recommendations on soil test report. If the soil was not tested, use any turf fertilizer and follow label rates. In the spring, do not apply nitrogen containing fertilizers until the soil temperature at the 4" depth is constantly 65°F and rising.

Ideal pH Range: 5.0 – 6.0
Lime is rarely needed.

Aeration:
Use a core aerator during active growth season.

Dethatch: If thatch exceeds 0.5" deep use a vertical mower with blades 1" apart, go over the lawn only one direction. Top dressing with 0.25" of soil can be effective.

Seeding – New Lawn*:
0.25 – 1.0 lb per 1,000ft².

Overseeding – Established Lawns*:
Overseeding centipede grass with ryegrass is not recommended.

Sodding:
500 ft² per pallet typical.

Weed Control:
Read product label carefully to determine which weeds are controlled and on which grasses the product can be used.

Spring preemergence* prevents crabgrass, goosegrass and other annual weeds.

Broadleaf postemergence* spot spray to kill broadleaf plants like chickweed, wild violet, dandelion, wild onion, etc.

Grassy weed postemergence* kills grassy weeds like crabgrass, dallisgrass, etc. Do not apply to drought-stressed centipede grass.

Winter preemergence* prevents chickweed and other winter weed seeds from sprouting.

* Read weed control product labels carefully. Some products cannot be applied within a few weeks of establishment or spring transition.