

A BROWN PATCH IS A CLUE

YOUR MONTH-BY-MONTH FIELD NOTES

Use months as reminders; local weather, grass growth and establishment stage take priority. Move freeze preparation ahead of your first local freeze, even if earlier than shown.

01 JANUARY Keep a photo baseline Record patch locations and any history of treatments, shade or traffic.	02 FEBRUARY Check the pattern Separate circular spots, worn paths and entire dry zones.	03 MARCH Inspect after thaw Where winter occurs, wait for suitable growth before judging every brown area as dead.
04 APRIL Compare roots and moisture Check an affected area against nearby healthy turf under similar conditions.	05 MAY Photograph details Capture the patch edge and close views of leaves and stems before treating.	06 JUNE Audit water coverage A blocked sprinkler or hose pattern can resemble other lawn problems.
07 JULY Consider heat and dormancy Identify the grass and local conditions; brown color alone cannot name the cause.	08 AUGUST Seek an identification Use local extension or a suitable diagnostic service for an expanding or uncertain problem.	09 SEPTEMBER Repair after diagnosis Choose appropriate material and a recovery window only after addressing the cause.
10 OCTOBER Review leaf wetness Note irrigation, rain and shade instead of assuming a fungicide is necessary.	11 NOVEMBER Keep treatment records Record what changed, when and where so future comparisons are meaningful.	12 DECEMBER Review recurrence Plan one evidence-based site improvement for the patch that keeps returning.

Observe the cause | Choose the right growing window | Keep a short photo and care log

LAWN AREA: _____ GRASS / CULTIVAR: _____

Use current local advice and product labels. New seed, sod and plugs need separate establishment care. This is a planning sheet, not a monthly treatment schedule.

