

YOUR FIRST LAWN, MADE SIMPLER

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 Identify the lawn Collect grass, seed or sod information and previous treatment records if available.	02 FEBRUARY Make a yard sketch Measure turf and mark shade, slopes, irrigation and heavy traffic.	03 MARCH Inspect before treating Photograph thin patches and check drainage as local conditions allow.
04 APRIL Set the mower correctly Identify the grass and consult local guidance for its cutting height.	05 MAY Check the water pattern Compare rain, root-zone moisture and sprinkler coverage.	06 JUNE Learn the growing rhythm Mow by growth; distinguish warm-season from cool-season behavior.
07 JULY Diagnose summer changes Compare a struggling patch with healthy grass before buying a treatment.	08 AUGUST Plan repairs carefully Choose suitable grass material and leave enough favorable establishment time.	09 SEPTEMBER Use local advice Check your grass's recovery window, soil recommendations and any treatment restrictions.
10 OCTOBER Manage falling leaves Keep heavy leaf cover from smothering turf and inspect drainage outlets.	11 NOVEMBER Prepare for local winter Where freezing occurs, follow equipment winterization instructions and protect frosted turf.	12 DECEMBER Review your first year Save a short list of what worked and one problem to investigate next.

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.

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