

WHEN MOSS MOVES IN

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 Map the moss Note shade, persistent moisture, wear and where desired turf is thin.	02 FEBRUARY Question the cause Moss alone does not prove that lime or fertilizer is needed.	03 MARCH Compare drainage Photograph wet and dry areas after ordinary rainfall.
04 APRIL Observe light Check sunlight as tree foliage changes and compare it with the grass's needs.	05 MAY Check soil guidance Use a suitable soil test for pH and nutrients, not an automatic lime application.	06 JUNE Adjust irrigation Do not water a shaded wet patch on the same assumptions as sunny turf.
07 JULY Reduce repeated wear Move traffic away from weak growth while investigating the site.	08 AUGUST Plan the surface Where grass lacks adequate light, consider a locally suitable bed or groundcover.	09 SEPTEMBER Test a suitable repair If conditions support grass, repair a small area in its proper establishment window.
10 OCTOBER Remove heavy leaves Keep leaf mats from blocking light without damaging roots or wet ground.	11 NOVEMBER Compare the trial Record whether grass thickened and whether the moisture pattern changed.	12 DECEMBER Choose a lasting change Correct the growing conditions rather than repeatedly removing moss alone.

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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