

A SMALL LAWN, WELL CONSIDERED

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 Sketch how you use it Mark seating, play, walking routes and areas where grass has little practical use.	02 FEBRUARY Measure actual turf Subtract beds and paving before buying material or planning an application.	03 MARCH Check equipment access Measure the narrowest gate and storage space before choosing a mower.
04 APRIL Inspect light and wear Separate shaded strips from heavily walked corners.	05 MAY Choose one small trial Improve one awkward edge rather than redesigning everything at once.	06 JUNE Keep tools proportional Reuse or borrow suitable equipment for occasional patch work.
07 JULY Audit watering edges Keep spray on the grass and check areas beside hot paving.	08 AUGUST Plan suitable repair Choose a grass and recovery season that fit the site.	09 SEPTEMBER Protect establishment Keep regular foot traffic away from new seed, sod or plugs.
10 OCTOBER Clarify the edges Remove heavy leaf cover and review where a path or bed would work better.	11 NOVEMBER Review storage Clean and store equipment as the manuals specify when use slows.	12 DECEMBER Keep what works Compare the useful lawn area with the maintenance it required.

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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