

WHEN WATER WILL NOT LEAVE

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 water Record low spots and runoff arriving from roofs, paths or neighboring higher ground.	02 FEBRUARY Find existing outlets Locate surface drains and note blockages without excavating unknown utilities.	03 MARCH Watch after rainfall Record puddle location, depth and how long it remains.
04 APRIL Separate possible causes Compaction, a low spot and incoming runoff need different responses.	05 MAY Check irrigation leaks Persistent wetness between cycles may have an irrigation source.	06 JUNE Protect wet ground Keep heavy traffic and equipment away from saturated areas.
07 JULY Avoid unnecessary watering Check the root zone before running a timer over an already wet patch.	08 AUGUST Plan professional help Seek advice for persistent ponding, building exposure or significant regrading.	09 SEPTEMBER Repair only after the cause Seed or sod cannot stop water continually collecting in the same place.
10 OCTOBER Clear leaf blockages Maintain existing drainage paths without sending water toward buildings or neighbors.	11 NOVEMBER Inspect after storms Compare the water pattern with your earlier notes.	12 DECEMBER Keep a site record Save photographs and outlet locations for any future drainage work.

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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