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### TALL FESCUE LAWN MAINTENANCE CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR 2010

Tall Fescue is a moderate to coarse bladed, heavy-duty grass that tolerates a wide range of soil and shade conditions and has good heat, drought and wear tolerance. Tall Fescue has few serious pest problems, but is subject to brown patch disease under warm, wet conditions. Tall Fescue grows rapidly and requires frequent mowing, but does not tolerate a close cut. Mow lawn at 3" to 3.5" a week. Water as needed to prevent drought.

#### SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER

**AERIFICATION:** Core aerate to minimize compaction and improve root development.

**FERTILIZING:** Apply 13-26-13 or 18-24-12.

**LIME:** Apply Lime (Do soil test).

**RENOVATION:** Over-seed with tall fescue at rate of 6 lb per 1000 sf. (Falcon or Rebel II recommended.)

**THATCH REMOVAL:** Not necessary.

**WEED CONTROL:** Apply broadleaf herbicides to control weeds. Some herbicides may affect newly seeded turf.

#### NOVEMBER

**FERTILIZING:** Apply 1 lb of Nitrogen per 1000 sf.

#### DECEMBER

**WEED CONTROL:** Apply broadleaf herbicides as necessary for control of chickweed, henbit, etc.

**MISC:** Remove lawn debris (rocks, sticks, leaves, etc.)

#### FEBRUARY

**WEED CONTROL:** (same as December)

**FERTILIZING:** Apply 19-3-7 Pre-M Fertilizer. Follow this again in 4-6 weeks.

#### MARCH – MAY

**FERTILIZING:** Apply 19-3-7 five (5) weeks from previous application.

**WEED CONTROL:** Apply herbicides to control crabgrass, goosegrass, and foxtail, if necessary.

#### JUNE – AUGUST

**FERTILIZING:** Not necessary at this time.

**DISEASE CONTROL:** Check for Brown Patch and apply fungicide if needed.

**WEED CONTROL:** Avoid herbicides at this time.

**INSECT CONTROL:** Check for grubs in July and August and control if necessary.

**\*IRRIGATION NOTES:** Seeding in new lawns, 1 to 2 waterings per day, 10-20 minutes per cycle. Existing grass/turf, 60 minutes per week, 2 cycles