

# Lawn Care and Maintenance

## Care and Watering

However your new lawn is installed care is very important, particularly for the first month.

Successful Seed germination depends on a few days of special care. To assure proper germination, water regularly. We suggest 2x/day in warm weather. Keeping the yard moist will maximize seed germination rate and success. However, in Louisiana, our afternoon showers do a good job of this, and may lessen the need to mechanically water.

You may walk on the Hydro Seeded surface when watering. Try to walk on areas that are dry, and try to not to disturb the mulch mat.

By watering regularly and keeping your new seedlings from drying out, you insure the beginnings of a lawn that will make your neighbors green with envy.

## Mowing

Mowing can begin once the lawn reaches 3" tall in most areas (2" is acceptable). Mowing stimulates growth and increases thickness. Set the mower high at first, then, gradually lower. Try to cut no more than 1/3 of the grass height at one time. Multiple mowing may be necessary the first couple of weeks to establish a good pattern.

One general rule for mowing is that the shorter you want to mow, the more often you need to mow to maintain healthy grass.

### SUNSTAR BERMUDA HYBRID:

#### Features:

- Finer Textured Leaves
- Improved Shoot and Rhizome Density
- Excellent Drought Resistance
- Darker Green Color
- Reduced Plant Height
- Improved Cold Tolerance

## Recommended Maintenance Practices for Sunstar Bermuda:

Preferred Mowing Height: 1/2" -1 1/2" (locally we find 2 1/2" is fine)

To optimize root development and maximize drought avoidance, the mowing height should be maintained at 3/4" or above. Fertilization rates of one pound of nitrogen per 1,000 sq. ft. per month of growing season is desirable for sports turf and premium lawn turf. Higher ratios of potassium should be applied in late summer to enhance winter low temperature survival.

## Fertilizing for most grasses

About one month after seeding, fertilize your new lawn using a high nitrogen (first of the 3 numbers on the bag) fertilizer. Spouts Seeding, LLC uses a Commercial High Phosphorus or "starter fertilizer" when Hydroseeding your lawn or athletic field. The Phosphorus will stimulate root growth, and in the early stages it is important to get good root growth before you stimulate a vigorous top growth with nitrogen. Spouts Seeding, LLC provides the list and times for fertilizing along with our suggested products to ensure your lawn or athletic field stays fit year round while giving you the desired look you've always wanted.

## Custom Sunstar Bermuda Fertilizing Regiment:

-High nitrogen fertilizer Every 4-6 weeks during the growing season. (optional)

### September 15<sup>th</sup>:

*0-0-7 Pre-M* :second base dose of Pre-emergent herbicide against winter weeds.

### February 15<sup>th</sup> – March 15<sup>th</sup>:

*0-0-7 @ .21% Dimension* :Pre-emergent herbicide. First dose for warm season weeds

### April:

*24-2-11 fertilizer Lesco Commercial brand*

### May/June:

*32-3-8 fertilizer or 21-0-7 w/Lockup herbicide* (pre and post emergent)

### July:

*24-11-8 fertilzier Lesco Commercial brand*

### August:

*21-0-0 Lesco with optional Chelated Iron liquid for dark green color*

\*Recommended fertilizers acquired by John Deere Lawn and Landscape professionals