# The Georgia Gardener Im

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### CENTIPEDEGRASS LAWN CALENDAR

## **MOWING HEIGHT:**1" - 1 1/2" This is THE most important practice

for a healthy centipedegrass lawn.

#### WATER:

1 inch per week if no rainfall

#### **FERTILIZATION:**

Use centipede fertilizer twice per year. Follow label rate. Wait to fertilize until 100% green. IDEAL pH RANGE: 5.0- 6.5

Lime is rarely needed.

#### **AERATION:**

Use a core aerator during active growth season.

**DETHATCH:** If thatch exceeds .5 inch deep use a vertical mower with blades 1" apart and go over lawn only once. Topdressing with .25" soil is most effective. **SEEDING - NEW LAWN:** 

1/4 - 1/2 lBest. per 1000 square feet

#### **OVERSEEDING - ESTABLISHED LAWN:**

Overseeding centipede with ryegrass is not recommended.

#### **SODDING**

500 sq. ft. per pallet

#### WEED CONTROL:

Read product label carefully to determine which weeds are controlled and on which grasses the product can be used.

**Spring pre-emergent\*** (prevents crabgrass, goosegrass and other summer weed seeds from sprouting)

**Broadleaf post-emergent\*** (spot spray to kill broadleafed plants like chickweed, wild violet, dandelion, wild onion, etc)

**Grassy weed post-emergent** \* (kills grassy weeds like crabgrass, dallisgrass, etc. Do not apply to drought-stressed Centipede.)

Winter pre-emergent\* (prevents chickweed and other winter weed seeds from sprouting)

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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<sup>\*</sup>Read the product label carefully. Some of the products can not be applied to lawns that will be seeded in the next few weeks or when transitioning to active growth.