

Target Date	Activity	Notes
February 15	Apply pre-emergent herbicide if needed to prevent widespread weeds	Effectiveness depends on temperature. Apply pre-emergent herbicide when day temperatures reach 65°F–70°F for 4 - 5 consecutive days to prevent spring / summer annual weeds. Repeat 6-9 weeks later or according to the label.*
Second Sunday in March (Daylight Savings Time)	Water Management Districts allow watering up to 2x a week**	Always water on an as needed basis, putting down 1/2" - 3/4" at each watering. Spring is usually when irrigation is most needed. Make sure your rain shut off device is working.
April 15	Fertilize with 15-0-15 or similar slow-release granular fertilizer if needed**	Soil nutrient testing through UF prior to fertilizing is recommended. Never fertilize before a heavy rain. If soil is particularly poor or compacted, topdress with 1/4" layer of compost 2x a year in growing season after aeration.
September 1	Fertilize with 15-0-15 or similar slow-release granular fertilizer if needed	Fertilize turfgrass between April 15 - October 1 for optimal nutrient uptake and to protect water resources from pollution.
October 31	Apply pre-emergent herbicide if needed to prevent widespread weeds	Effectiveness depends on temperature. Apply pre-emergent herbicide when nighttime temperatures drop to 55°F–60°F for several consecutive days for winter annual. Repeat 6-9 weeks later or according to the label.
First Sunday in November (Eastern Standard Time)	Water Management Districts allow watering no more than 1x a week. UF/IFAS recommends water once every 10 - 14 days (skip a week) in winter.	Reduce watering during winter dormant period to prevent disease and water waste. Make sure your rain shut off device is working. Cease mowing until spring growth.
Year-round	Identify unwanted weeds. Hand-pull or spot-treat emerged weeds with herbicide labeled safe for turfgrass and effective on that weed. Some weeds are beneficial.	Refer to Weed Management Guide: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/EP141
Year-round	Check on irrigation controller settings and system for breaks, clogs, misdirected heads, and leaks about once a month. Mow grass at recommended heights. Do not water between 10am—4pm. Morning is best.	Refer to Irrigation: https://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/care/irrigation
Year-round	Identify yard insects and scout for pests & diseases regularly. Avoid routine sprays of broad-spectrum pesticides. Spot treat identified pests with least toxic methods first.	Refer to Pests & Diseases: https://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/care/pests-and-diseases/

* Always read and follow label instructions

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** Local watering and fertilizing restrictions may be more strict. Refer to <https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/resources/apps/fertilizer-ordinances/>
Follow best management recommendations for your turfgrass type: <https://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/lawns/>