

CLASSIC

ST. AUGUSTINE

Classic St. Augustine is a true “Southern Style” grass with wide blades and a rich green color. Classic is more cold tolerant than other varieties of St. Augustine and it performs well in the shade. It also has better disease and insect resistance than other St. Augustine options. Simply put, Classic is the best variety of St. Augustine currently on the market.

Watering To avoid dryout, newly planted Classic St. Augustine should be watered daily and soaked thoroughly to a depth of 3” for the first two weeks. For the next two weeks, continue to water daily but reduce the amount of water. Once established, Classic’s watering needs will vary based upon the type of soil present. It is always best to mimic the environment by watering heavily every few days rather than watering lightly every day. For sandier soils, 3/4” per watering will saturate the soil. For heavier clay soil, water up to 2” at a time to achieve saturation. For this reason, heavy soils should be watered heavily but less frequently (every 3-4 days) and sandy soils will need less water but more frequency (every 2-3 days).

Mowing An established Classic St. Augustine lawn should be mowed every week during the growing season with an optimum mowing height of 2-4 inches. Mow with a sharp rotary or reel mower, allowing clippings to remain on the lawn. Never remove more than 1/3” of the shoot growth in one mowing. Classic has minimal thatch build-up and, therefore, seldom requires dethatching.

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Fertility and pesticide recommendations can vary by grass variety, and microenvironmental influences such as shade, drought, soil conditions and irrigation. Therefore, the below comments are meant only as a general guideline and should be adjusted according to conditions. Soil tests are encouraged to establish a scientific basis for fertility decisions.

Apply 2-4 lbs. of nitrogen per year depending on region and conditions

Best results will come from low rates, frequently

Apply pre-emergent weed control around March 1, May 1, and Oct. 1

Post-emergent weed control should be localized to issues and only when temperatures are conducive

Monitor and treat for insects through Summer months (chinch bugs, sod webworms, etc.)

Apply preventive fungicide in Fall and Spring when soil temperatures are below 65-75 degrees

Lime according to soil test recommendations

Color Medium to dark green

Texture Wide blade with dense foliage

Soils Classic St. Augustine was developed by the Woerner Companies for the Gulf Coast region. It tolerates a relatively wide range of soil types and is best suited to well drained, fertile soils.

pH Tolerance 6.7 to 7.5 is ideal but can tolerate a pH from 5.8 to 8.5

Wear Tolerance Classic has good recuperative qualities and is fairly wear resistant. However, it is not recommended for high traffic areas.

Shade Tolerance Classic has good to excellent shade tolerance when compared to other grasses.

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