BERMUDA GRASS GROWTH CHEATSHEET

Your 0–8 Week Hydroseeding Guide for Bermuda Grass • Texas lawn care

Thank you for choosing TX Turf & Seed Hydroseeding. This guide explains how to care for your new lawn as it germinates and becomes established. Please reach out with any questions and we will be happy to assist your on your lawn care needs!

CARE SCHEDULE

Stage	Watering	Mowing	Fertilizer	What to expect
Days 1–10	2-4x daily (light and frequent)	None	Only if included in your project plan	Protect seed and mulch. Avoid puddles, runoff, and washout.
Days 11–21	1-2x daily	None	None	Sprouts may appear unevenly. Keep soil moist, not saturated.
Weeks 3–4	Gradually shift toward deeper, less frequent watering 1x daily or every other day	First mow at 2.5-3 inches tall. Cut grass down to 1.5-2 inches	Apply a balanced starter fertilizer (16-16-16)	Use a sharp blade; avoid pulling up young roots.
Weeks 4–6	2-3x weekly (deep watering)	Maintain at 1.5-2 inches	Apply nitrogen-rich fertilizer (21-0-0) around week 4-5	Grass gradually thickens. Bermuda spreads through rhizomes and stolons; encourage dense growth with deep watering.
Weeks 6–8	1-2x weekly (deep watering)	Maintain at 1.5-2 inches	Light application of nitrogen as needed.	Lawn establishment complete. Bermuda is fully anchored and will begin spreading.

WATERING TIPS

- **Early stage:** Keep the soil surface consistently moist with gentle, even irrigation. Do not let seed dry out.
- **As sprouts root:** Transition to deeper and less frequent watering. This encourages deep roots and stronger, drought-tolerant grass.
- **Texas weather:** Water early in the morning. Avoid midday evaporation and late-evening watering to prevent fungus issues. Heat, wind, and heavy rain can quickly change moisture needs. Check regularly and avoid runoff.

COMMON MISTAKES TO AVOID

- **Letting the soil dry out early on:** Germinating seed and young sprouts are vulnerable to drying.
- **Overwatering:** Standing water, saturated soil, and runoff can damage the seedbed or wash mulch downhill.
- **Mowing too early:** Wait until grass is rooted and soil supports a mower without rutting or pulling seedlings.

PRO TIPS FOR A HEALTHIER BERMUDA LAWN

- **Use the 1/3 rule:** Avoid removing more than about one-third of the blade in one mowing.
- **Limit traffic:** Keep pets, heavy foot traffic, and equipment off the new lawn while it is vulnerable.
- **No weed control for first 6-8 weeks:** Pre-emergents or weed killers will kill your new Bermuda grass if not applied correctly.

WATERING DO'S & DON'TS

DO	AVOID
Check moisture and adjust for sun, wind, heat, and rain.	Using one fixed schedule when conditions change.
Use gentle, even irrigation and follow your project instructions.	Strong streams, runoff, standing water, or washing mulch downhill.

BERMUDA LAWN CARE

Growth, everyday care, seasonal guidance, and a checklist

GROWTH & ESTABLISHMENT

Bermudagrass is a warm-season turfgrass and typically establishes best in warm conditions. Germination timing varies by seed variety, soil temperature, moisture, and weather. Protect new growth while roots develop.

Stage	What to expect
Early days	Mulch and soil may be visible. Protect the surface and maintain moisture.
Germination	Sprouts may appear unevenly; seed type and conditions affect timing.
Filling in	Grass gradually thickens. Continue care and limit traffic.
Establishment	Roots strengthen and watering can gradually transition as recommended.

MOWING & EVERYDAY CARE

- Wait until grass is rooted and soil can support a mower without rutting or pulling up seedlings.
- Use a sharp mower blade and follow the recommended mowing height for your specific Bermuda variety and maintenance goals.
- Keep heavy foot traffic, pets, and equipment off the new lawn while it is vulnerable.
- Do not apply extra fertilizer or weed-control products until product and timing are confirmed as appropriate for newly seeded Bermuda.

SEASONAL TIPS FOR TEXAS

- Warm conditions generally favor establishment. Local timing depends on soil temperature, forecast, and the seed product.
- Summer heat can dry the seedbed quickly. Check moisture frequently, especially on slopes, in full sun, and in windy areas.
- Bermudagrass may slow and turn brown or go dormant in cold weather. This can be normal seasonal behavior.
- Bermuda generally performs best in sunny locations and may thin in significant shade.

QUICK TROUBLESHOOTING

Question	What to know
Why is growth uneven?	Uneven moisture, shade, soil conditions, temperature, and seed distribution can affect growth. Continue the watering plan and allow time for the lawn to fill in.
Does Bermuda like shade?	It generally performs best in sunny areas and may thin in significant shade. Tolerance varies by variety and site conditions.
Can I stop watering after sprouts appear?	No. Sprouts remain vulnerable. Continue the recommended plan until roots develop, then transition gradually as instructed.
What if it turns brown in cold weather?	Bermuda is warm-season and can become dormant in cooler weather. If browning seems unusual, ask your provider to assess the lawn.

YOUR LAWN CARE CHECKLIST

Check each item as you care for your new lawn.

DONE	CHECKLIST ITEM
■	I reviewed the watering instructions for my specific project.
■	I checked irrigation coverage across sunny, shaded, sloped, and exposed areas.
■	I adjust watering for rainfall, wind, and temperature.
■	I keep unnecessary foot traffic, pets, and equipment off the seeded area.
■	I will mow only when the lawn is rooted and ready.
■	I will confirm timing before applying fertilizer or weed-control products.
■	I will contact my provider if I see major washout, standing water, or unusual lack of progress.

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR NEW LAWN?

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