

# Lawn Care For the Rogue Valley

## A Step-by-Step Guide to Lawn Fertilizing and Care

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## Caring for Your Lawn Month by Month

Make lawn care easy with these quality products from **Four Seasons Nursery** and **Fertilome**. The table below gives you a full year fertilizing program. For natural products to substitute for those listed please ask one of our nursery professionals. Here are some other tips to follow each month

### January

**Mowing height:** N/A

**Water requirements:** None

**Comments:** January is usually cold and wet and no lawn care is necessary. However, if the month is dry and warm, lawns can yellow quickly. If this occurs, make the application of **Natural Guard Soil Activator** early. Be sure to apply before a rain or water in well.

### February

**Mowing height:** 2-3 in. (see comments)

**Water requirements:** none (see comments)

**Comments:** February usually brings a week or two of nice weather. Take advantage of these days to mow your lawn to an even height. Only water if the weather is warm and dry for an extended period.

If your lawn is looking weak or yellow you may apply the **Natural Guard Soil Activator** and **Fertilome All Seasons** now instead of in March.

### March

**Mowing height:** 2-3 in.

**Water requirements:** Low (1-2 times per week)

**Comments:** With the warmer weather comes faster growth and the germination of weed seeds. The **Fertilome All Seasons** should be applied early enough to become active before the weed seeds germinate. The combination of fertilizer and pre-emergent weed control in the **Fertilome All Seasons** will continue to keep weeds from germinating in your lawn for up to 3 months. It will not, however, control weeds from roots or crowns that sat dormant through the winter. Control those in April with **Fertilome Weed-out plus Lawn Food**. Apply **Natural Guard Soil**

**Activator** to reduce thatch and dead grass blades that have accumulated over the winter.

### April and May

**Mowing height:** 2-3 in.

**Water requirements:** Low to Medium(1-3 times per week)

**Comments:** Spring thatching, aerating and re-seeding should be done at this time. The warmer days are great for seed germination and the cool nights help a lawn recover from thatching. Watch for fungus problems at this time. Most lawn funguses can be controlled with **Fertilome Liquid Systemic Fungicide**—it won't wash off in rain. Another option is the **Fertilome f-stop**; a granular fungicide that is easy to apply. Warmer weather makes lawns grow their fastest at this time of year. This means that the requirement for nitrogen is also high. The high nitrogen content of the **Fertilome Weed-out Plus Lawn Food** meets this requirement as well as killing those unwanted weeds that the **Fertilome All Seasons** could not. If you don't have a weed problem, apply **Fertilome Classic**. Watch for signs of insect damage. The Chinch bugs, Crane Fly and Sod Web Worm begin to cycle around this time. A good application of **Hi-Yield Turf Ranger granules** will help prevent extensive damage. If you are unsure of what is causing the damage (insect or disease) dig a sample out (approx. 6-12 in. square) and bring it in for us to inspect—we will give it back to you after we inspect it so you can replace it.

### June and July

**Mowing height:** 3-4 in.

**Water requirements:** Medium to High (3-4 times per week)

**Comments:** Hotter weather can stress a lawn. Watering does not always relieve that stress. The slow release nitrogen and trace elements in **Fertilome Classic** will feed without burning and increase the over-all health of the lawn reducing the amount of stress the heat can cause. Keep a close eye out for insect damage.

### August and September

**Mowing height:** 3-4 in.

**Water requirements:** High (4-5 times per week)

**Comments:** If your lawn is stressed or weedy, an application of **Fertilome Weed-out Plus Lawn Food** can be applied. Watch your watering and increase if necessary.

Also watch for insect infestations. Another application of **Hi-Yield Turf Ranger granules** is a good idea. Applying the **Fertilome Classic** now will feed the lawn for late summer and early fall. If the weather cools, reduce the watering and mowing height. If thatching or aerating need to be done, now is the time to do it. Re-seed with **Elf perennial rye** seed for superior drought tolerance, insect resistance and disease resistance.

## October and November

**Mowing height:** 2-3 in.

**Water requirements:** Medium to Low (2-3 times per week)

**Comments:** **Fertilome Classic** has a unique characteristic that allows it to be used in warm or cold weather. The nutrients are released regardless of temperature allowing your lawn to get what it needs at any time. This makes it a great winter fertilizer as well as summer. Apply the **Natural Guard Soil Activator** at the same time for ultra greening through the fall. Reduce watering as needed and keep the lawn shorter. When frost begins, you may want to winterize your underground sprinkler system. Ask for tips or contact a professional to have it done for you. If the weather is dry, you may need to water again so keep a hose and sprinkler handy.

## December

**Mowing height:** N/A

**Water requirements:** None

**Comments:** Lawns usually go dormant at this time. Now is a good time to take lawn equipment in for servicing. Blades can be sharpened and motors tuned up. The rainy season is also a good time to watch for excessive puddling. Solve this problem in spring by adding soil and re-seeding those areas.

Following is an easy schedule for lawn care that includes the best application times for the above products.

Tim 'The Timinator' —owner and horticulturist at Four Seasons Nursery uses the following products on his lawn (2500 square feet) these times of the year:

### February or March:

- 1 20 lb. bag Fertilome All Seasons Lawn fertilizer with weed preventor
- 1 20 lb. bag Natural Guard Soil Activator
- 1 8 lb. bag Fertilome F-Stop systemic fungicide
- 1 10 lb. bag Hi-Yield Turf Ranger insecticide

### June:

- 1 20 lb. bag Fertilome Classic Lawn Food

### August:

- 1 20 lb. bag Fertilome Classic Lawn Food

### October or November:

- 1 20 lb. bag Natural Guard Soil Activator
- 1 20 lb. bag Fertilome Classic Lawn Food

# The Timinator's Full Year Lawn Care Program



- Fertilome All Seasons
- Natural Guard Soil Activator
- Fertilome Classic Lawn Food
- Fertilome F-Stop systemic fungicide
- Hi-Yield Turf Ranger insecticide



*Save when you buy a full one-year program:*

- 1 bag Fertilome All Seasons
- 3 bags Fertilome Classic
- 2 bags Natural Guard Soil Activator
- 1 bag Hi-Yield Turf Ranger
- 1 bag Fertilome F-Stop

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