

## Soils

A practical understanding of your soil is essential in managing your lawn. Soil pH is perhaps the most crucial element. Most turf grasses perform best when the soil pH falls between 6.3 and 7.0. We recommend that a soil test be performed annually to check the pH values as well as other nutrient levels within the soil profile. Any Carolina Fresh Farms Turf Center will be happy to send your soil samples to a soil testing laboratory **FREE** of charge.

## Specialty Products

### Verde-Lawn Hydro

Improves calcium availability in the soil and in the plant while providing improved soil moisture retention. When applied at a rate of 10 pounds per 1000 sq ft, Verde-Lawn Hydro will raise the soil pH in most soils up to one full point.

### Headway

Controls a wider range of diseases than any other currently registered product, including dollar spot, brown patch and all other major turf diseases.

### Pillar G

Combination of two effective ingredients to control and prevent numerous turf diseases.

### Eagle

Excellent long-term preventative control of most diseases in turf.

## Preemergent Herbicides

Preemergent herbicides are essential in providing a weed free lawn.

Never apply these products to a lawn which is not well established!

## Fire Ant Control

If you are experiencing fire ant problems within your lawn, please contact someone at your local Carolina Fresh Farms. There are many ways to control these insects within your lawn.



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# TALL FESCUE



## FRESH FARMS

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Carolina Fresh Farms would like to thank you for your interest in your lawn. It has the ability to become the best lawn in your neighborhood. We have combined over 50 years of production practices along with knowledge from our on-staff horticulturist and soil specialist in order to provide you with the most advanced and up to date practices to help you manage your lawn. If you are interested in more information about your lawn, please refer to the back of this brochure for the Carolina Fresh Farms Turf Center nearest you.



### Mowing

One of the principle keys to maintaining a healthy fescue lawn is proper mowing. Due to the high humidity and temperatures in the transition zone, it is mandatory that a fescue lawn be mowed no closer than 3 ½ inches during the summer months. If you desire, the lawn may be mowed as close as 2 inches during the fall and winter.

### Watering

Your lawn requires 1 to 1 ½ inches of water per week during the growing season. Irrigation of the lawn should be performed in the early hours of the morning just before daylight. This practice will avoid any rapid evaporation of water before it reaches the lawn; yet allow the leaf tissue to dry quickly after the sun rises. Do not water your lawn every morning for short intervals. This process will only encourage shallow root growth. Instead, water your lawn for long periods two to three times a week.

### Aeration

Aeration has two purposes. The first is to simply loosen the soil. The second is to prune the roots. Core aeration is the recommended method and should be performed every 2 years on a typical home lawn during the growing season. If your lawn receives heavy foot traffic, it would be advisable to aerate every year. Aeration should be performed during the growing season of the turf.

### Chemicals/Fertilization

The most important part of managing a fescue lawn is providing fertilizer and preventing disease, insects and weeds. The premium program to the right will provide all the essential elements that your lawn requires in a season to grow healthy.

### Seed & Tips

In recent years, there have been many advancements in tall fescue seed. There are many varieties in the market today all of which will produce a beautiful, lush green lawn. Carolina Fresh Farms has developed two new seed blends.

### Carolina Fresh Supreme and Carolina Blue II

**Carolina Fresh Supreme** blend is an outstanding performer of three or four varieties of turf-type tall fescue. This blend is still our #1 seller for the Upstate and Charlotte markets and suited for most all lawns within these growing areas.

**Carolina Fresh Blue II** was designed to provide exceptional color and density. Blue II contains 70% turf-type tall fescue of two varieties and 30% Kentucky bluegrass also of two varieties. Bluegrass has seen amazing advancements in recent years and offers excellent drought recovery and a deep green color during the cooler months of late winter.

Choosing the proper seed for your lawn is essential and plays a key role in the success of your new lawn. If you need further help, please contact one of our knowledgeable staff members.



### PREMIUM PROGRAM

Sept. 15th - Sept. 30th

Carolina Fresh Blue II Blend

16-25-12 w/ MESA

Provides phosphorus to promote quick rooting.

Oct. 30th - Nov. 7th

25-0-5 51% MESA

Provides nitrogen to mature the lawn.

Dec. 15th - Dec. 31st

25-0-5 51% MESA

Mar. 1st - Mar. 15th

16-0-8 .38% Barricade

Prevents summer weeds such as crabgrass.

May 1st - May 15th

19-0-6 Confront 3/Dimension

May 15th

Aloft Insecticide

June 1st - June 21st

Fungicide (Any)

Prevents brown patch disease.

June 21st - July 7th

6-1-11 7% Fe

Produces green color w/out flushing top growth late in the season.

Fungicide (Any)

August 1st — Sept. 1st

Soil Samples

Take soil sample to test for pH as well as fertility levels of your lawn.