

# LAWN PORN

*Calendar & Logbook*

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*Autumn 2019*







# Autumn Lawn Program

MARCH - APRIL - MAY

*A beautiful lawn doesn't happen by itself.*

## AUTUMN

*Like spring, autumn is very important for lawn. The days are getting shorter and temperature cooler. It is important to prepare for the dormancy of winter by getting the best possible condition asap.*

## FERTILIZING

*The lawn is still actively growing, however it is slowing in growth. The focus is placed on root development, to prepare the lawn for survival through dormancy season.*

## LAWN PESTS

*Treat for lawn pests. Army worm, for example, is active during autumn. There's more info on page 10.*

## WEEDS

*Winter weeds & weed grasses are treated with selective & pre emergent herbicide. Thick healthy lawn is a great defence against weeds.*

## MOWING

*Keep lawn slightly longer for better photosynthesis and weed suppression. Mowing will be less frequent.*

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# MARCH

## SCHEDULE

WEEK	PRODUCT	DOSAGE
1	Four Seasons Root Builder+	4kg per 250m2 100mL per 100m2
2	Launch+	100mL per 100m2
3	Root Builder+	100mL per 100m2
4	Moist Launch+	200-300mL per 100m2 (water in) 100mL per 100m2
4+	Pre Emergent Herbicide	Winter Grass Control etc Use suitable for lawn type & as directed

WATER	MOWING & CARE	TIPS
1-2 times a week	2-3 times a week	start mowing taller
1-2 times a week	2-3 times a week	a pitchfork aerate
1-2 times a week	1-2 times a week	mowing frequency decreases
1 time a week	1-2 times a week	mowing frequency decreases

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# APRIL

## SCHEDULE

WEEK	PRODUCT	DOSAGE
1	Green Light	200mL per 100m2
2	Launch+	100mL per 100m2
3	Green Light Root Builder+	300mL per 100m2 100mL per 100m2
4	Moist Launch+	100mL per 100m2 (water in) 100mL per 100m2
4+		

WATER	MOWING & CARE	TIPS
1 time a week	1-2 times a week	maintain a taller height
1 time a week	1- 2 times a week	a pitchfork aerate
1 time a week	once a week	mowing frequency decreases
Once every 7 - 10 days	once a week	mowing frequency decreases

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# MAY

## SCHEDULE

WEEK	PRODUCT	DOSAGE
1	Green Light	300mL per 100m2
2	Launch+	80mL per 100m2
3	Root Builder+	100mL per 100m2
4	Launch+	60mL per 100m2
4+		

WATER	MOWING & CARE	TIPS
Once every 7 - 10 days	once a week	maintain taller height
Once every 7 - 10 days	once a fortnight	a pitchfork aerate
Once every 7 - 10 days		mowing frequency decreases
	once a fortnight	mowing frequency decreases

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*Aim for progress rather than perfection.  
Practice makes for progress. Repeated  
progress will inspire confidence.  
Remember, lawn is journey, not a  
destination.  
Your mates will reckon it's perfect...*

## PRINCIPLES OF THIS PROGRAM

### *Autumn*

You may notice simplified the format of the calendar and logbook. We have done this based on feedback, to make it easier to read, record and log your progress in a month-per-page area for quick reference and images and colours as to not junk a printer cartridge in one print.

In Autumn, the focus is to prepare for dormancy of late autumn and especially winter. The big tip is grow a little longer. The reason to grow a little longer is that you'll get more photosynthesis as throughout the season the sunlight becomes less available with the days getting shorter. The added height will shade the soil more, limiting the sunlight for winter weed germination.

Soil and water management is important. Late summer we did a late summer aerate, low mow to get rid of thatch and topdress to level out. The repair is quick and if you live in a warmer area you can do this in early autumn, but cooler areas it might be best to wait to spring. Aerating in autumn is simply a pitchfork aerate once a month. The growth is

starting to slow so generally, we won't be topdressing after aerating.

Watering, as the season gets cooler will be less frequent. For a water, a deep, early morning is what we recommend. Evaporation will be minimised and it will train the roots to go deeper into the soil looking for water and nutrients. There is less chance of fungal issues watering early in the morning.

By deep watering we mean between an inch to an inch and a half of water. The time it takes your sprinklers to fill up an empty 94g tuna can. Sprinklers are highly variable. My old irrigation system took about an hour, my new system about an hour and a half. You'll need to play with irrigation method and find out how long it takes.



# PRINCIPLES OF THIS PROGRAM

## *Autumn*

Weeds are no good for your lawn. They rob your lawn of nutrients and other resources and can quickly overtake a lawn unchecked. In dormancy the lawn stops growing but winter weeds will still grow.

The best plan of attack for winter weeds and problem grasses is the use of a pre emergent herbicide (March-April). In general, pre emergents are watered into the soil after application. They work at the seed level and stop the weeds from germinating in the first place.

Weeds that are all ready present will need a suitable selective herbicide that won't harm the lawn. If you go to [www.lawnpornonline.com](http://www.lawnpornonline.com) and select the problem solver, you can see loads of home garden and professional recommendation that are generally available at garden stores or online stores like [www.toolroom.com.au](http://www.toolroom.com.au) that deliver all over Australia.

Autumn can be an active time for lawn pests. Lawn grubs, army worm and black beetle can destroy a lawn quickly. Again, have a look at our problem solver for pest identification and suggested treatments.

Fungal issues can be hard to diagnose. Our problem solver is a help , identifying and suggesting treatment strategies.

The focus on treating lawn issues is ever more important going into dormancy. The lawn stops grows and weeds, pest and disease keep destroying the lawn if left unchecked.

Mowing, or more importantly regular mowing, is the best cultural practice you can do with the lawn. The mowing frequency will decrease as it gets cooler and the days get shorter. Mow a little taller as discussed previously.

If there is an aim in autumn it is to get the lawn in the best condition possible before it stops growing, this way the lawn has a great chance of surviving winter better. A fantastic goal is to have the lawn prime for Easter (Apr 19-21). It is a time you spend time with family and you want the lawn looking great for the BBQ.

March can still be warm. Our lawn is recovering or recovered from our late season renovation/dethatch and we want to enhance any lag in condition and colour with an application of Four Seasons granular fertiliser. Four Seasons is dual controlled slow release (nitrogen and potassium) with added iron for a deep green colour.

The following applications of March are Launch+ with phosphorus and kelp to assist the root zone and condition the plant. Root Builder+ is a kelp, designed to further grow the root zone and make the plant as efficient and strong as possible. We don't need to apply Green Light with a higher nitrogen and iron in March. The slow release nitrogen and added iron in Four Seasons has got you covered for the deeper green and generally speaking, your lawn won't need higher nitrogen as it does during growing season.

April, the iron in Four Seasons will start fading but we want Easter to "Pop!" so we introduce Green Light with nitrogen and iron for a deep green colour. We start it at the lowest dose even though our plant is now used to foliar fertilisers. We continue the month with conditioning with Launch+ and the second app of Green Light is slightly up in strength with a tank mix of Root Builder+ for more root growth and strength. This month the Green Light will really give you that deep dark-emerald colour that, if you like to stripe your lawn (with a cylinder mower) will make the line stripes look even more fantastic.

We have added Moist Soil Wetter applications in March and April. You won't need to use Soil Wetter again till spring. Soil Wetter is used during the growing seasons only.

May, we are approaching winter. The mowing is less frequent, the water less necessary. Winter is coming and you can start to lessen your nutrient applications as the lawn just won't need as much. Yes, there is another dab of Green Light at the start of the month at a medium strength and you will notice that the following applications of Launch+ decrease to low strength.

At the start of winter, you'll have a lawn that is in great shape and without issues. The benefit is that it will do very well in winter.

Then there is the winter wait till spring but we can use this opportunity to maintain and service our equipment. Please check out [www.bushrangerpe.com.au](http://www.bushrangerpe.com.au) and find local dealers who can assist you with service or new equipment.

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# March 2019

Nº	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9						1	2
10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
11	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
12	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
13	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
14	31						

# April 2019

Nº	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14		1	2	3	4	5	6
15	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
16	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
17	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
18	28	29	30				



# May 2019

Nº	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
18				1	2	3	4
19	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
21	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
22	26	27	28	29	30	31	

# Notes





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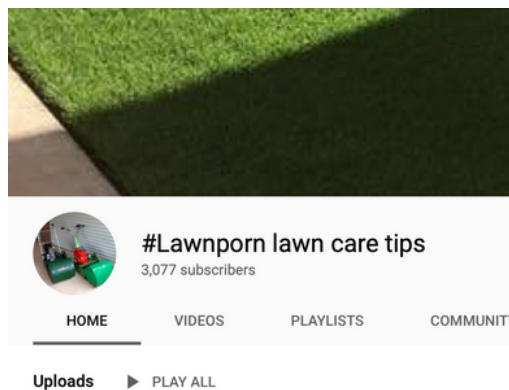
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