# Bermudagrass Lawn Calendar Gulf Zone



Lawns enhance the landscape, improve property values, and decrease air temperature, so maintaining lawns with good cultural practices and judicious use of pesticides makes sense to maximize performance and benefits. Envu offers a variety of solutions to control problematic weeds, insects, and diseases that can be used to support cultural practices.

#### **Preemergence Weed Control**

 Preemergence herbicides must be applied prior to germination to be effective on targeted weed species. Sequential applications improve control over single applications and applications should be watered-in to maximize control and limit off-site movement.



- Crabgrass, sandbur, prostrate knotweed, or spurge germinate in spring, so preemergence herbicide applications should be timed prior to 4" soil temperatures of approximately 55°F for five days. Spring applications of Specticle® FLO or Echelon® can prevent germination of summer grassy and broadleaf (BDLV) weeds.
- Winter annuals like annual bluegrass, chickweed, and henbit germinate in the fall. Fall applications of Specticle FLO or Echelon® can prevent germination of winter grassy and BDLV weeds with late summer/early fall applications at 4" soil temperatures at 70°F.

# Preemergence + Postemergence Annual Bluegrass Control

- The most flexible and effective control for annual bluegrass is with a combination of pre- and postemergence herbicides in the fall.
- The **Dual Defense** program combines **Specticle FLO** and **Celsius**<sup>®</sup> with applications timed for mid-September to mid-October to prevent germination and control young annual bluegrass plants that have already germinated.
- Control slightly later in mid- to late fall is most effective with the PRE3 program that combines Specticle FLO with
   Tribute® Total and an additional mode of action product, such as simazine or glyphosate, to provide flexibility in
   application timing.

# **Postemergence Weed Control**

- Summer and winter grassy and BDLV weeds are best controlled by postemergence herbicides when plants are small but actively growing.
- Summer annual grassy and BDLV weeds are best controlled in late spring/early summer with Acclaim<sup>®</sup> Accelerate, Celsius,
   Celsius XTRA, Tribute Total or Terradex™ QuickStrike.
- Winter annual grassy weeds and BDLV weeds are best controlled in fall or early spring with Tribute Total, Revolver®,
   Solitaire® or Blindside®.
- Sedges and kyllingas emerge primarily in spring. **Dismiss**<sup>®</sup>, **Blindside**<sup>®</sup>, **Solitare**<sup>®</sup>, **Celsius XTRA** or **Tribute Total** are most effective applied shortly after emergence and multiple applications are usually required for optimal control.

# **Insect Control**

- White grubs are usually controlled with preventative applications made at the first sign of adult flight in the spring. New
  formulations like Durentis™ allow flexible timing of applications well before white grub adults appear and provides lasting
  control. Merit® has been the industry standard for white grub preventative control. Though curative applications are usually
  inefficient, Dylox® is the industry standard and provides quick knockdown of white grubs.
- Applications of **Durentis** should be made in the spring (at first sign of adults) for season-long control of caterpillars including
  fall armyworms, cutworms, and sod webworms. Certain products can provide quick knockdown of caterpillars like **Talstar**<sup>®</sup>
  (no residual) or **Triple Crown**<sup>®</sup> (some residual control).
- Monitor for chinch bugs throughout the summer with soap flushes or watch for insect damage that mimics drought stress.
   Applications of Triple Crown or Talstar can provide quick knockdown and residual control (Triple Crown) of chinch bugs throughout the summer.
- Fire ant mounds can be unsightly, and their stinging makes them a human nuisance. **TopChoice**® is the industry standard for season-long control of existing fire ant population. **TopChoice** is a restricted use product; refer to label for more information.

## **Disease Control**

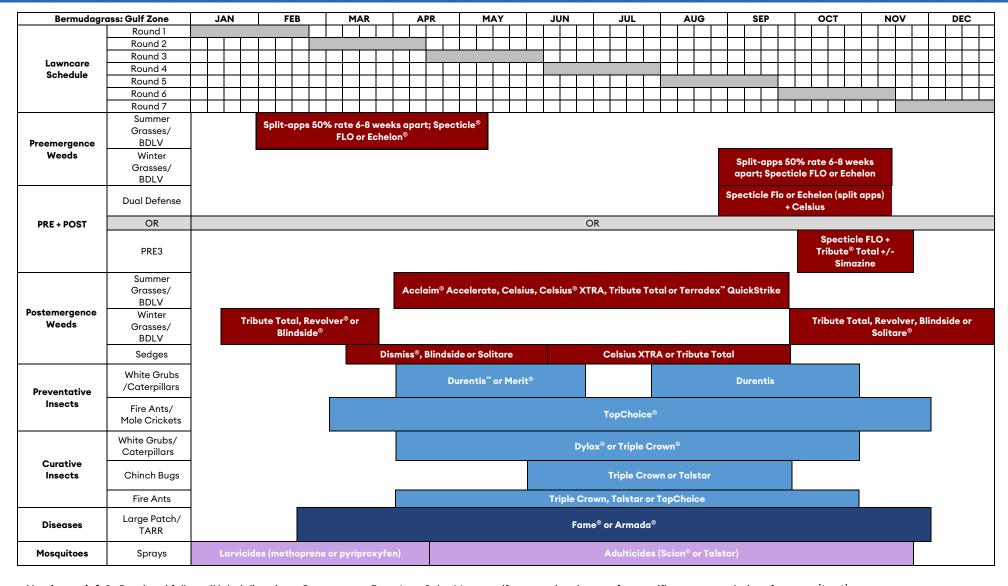
- Large patch typically develops with high soil moisture and when 2" soil temperatures decline to below 70°F. Applications of preventative fungicides, like **Armada**® or **Fame**®, in the fall when conditions are conducive for disease development.
- Take-all root rot (TARR) can develop starting earlier in the summer with 2" soil temperatures at 77-86°F, which is when preventative fungicide applications of **Armada** or **Fame** should be made for optimum control.

### **Mosquito Control**

• Mosquito control can be accomplished in early spring with larvicides (methoprene or pyriproxyfen) applied to standing water or adulticides (Scion® or Talstar) applied as barrier treatments late spring through the fall.

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