



**Cedar Cove
Landscaping**

Bermuda Fertilizer Program

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Application Date: Mid February and again in mid April
Product applied: 19-3-6 fertilizer
Dimension herbicide for prevention of crabgrass

Comments / Instructions:

- ☞ Best results are achieved if this product is activated by rainfall or irrigation within two weeks of the application. If possible, mowing should be postponed until this product has been watered with at least 1 inch of rainfall or irrigation.
- ☞ The main control characteristic of Dimension is that it controls weeds before (*pre*) they *emerge*. The herbicide will form a chemical barrier in the top part of the soil which will stop a variety of weed seeds from germinating. It effectively controls crabgrass, oxalis, spurge, and many other weeds. Please keep in mind that any digging or aerating done to the lawn will destroy the chemical barrier in that particular spot, and could lead to unwanted weeds.

Note: The chemical barrier will slowly degrade by mid summer, allowing a window for re-seeding in the fall. During this window, it is possible that some crabgrass will germinate.

- ☞ It is possible that bare spots will develop in the lawn after this product is applied. This is a normal occurrence, and can be contributed to the herbicide working effectively. Bare spots can be easily repaired by re-seeding in the fall with a good quality grass seed.

Application Date: May, July, and September

Product Applied: 24-2-11 fertilizer

Application Date: November

Product Applied: 19-3-6 fertilizer

Dimension herbicide for prevention of poa anna (annual bluegrass)

Comments / Instructions:

- ☞ Best results are achieved if these products are activated by rainfall or irrigation within two weeks of the application. If possible, mowing should be postponed until these products have been watered with at least 1 inch of rainfall or irrigation.

Homeowner Lawn Recommendations

Now that you understand how our program works, it's time to explain what steps you will need to take. These are basic guidelines that we ask you to follow while you are on this program. By following these steps, we can assure you that in time your lawn will be the envy of the whole neighborhood.

Mowing frequency – We ask that you keep your lawn mowed on a weekly basis. This will help your lawn become thicker. During the hottest and driest part of summer, you may notice a decline in growth. If you do, adjust mowing frequency to accommodate.

Mowing height – Please keep your mower set on a 3 ½ to 4 inch cutting height if you have a cool season lawn. This has three purposes. It will reduce the amount of clippings, it keeps the ground shaded which will make the lawn more tolerable to drought, and it will aid in keeping weeds to a minimum. Warm season lawns can be cut at any height, although most are cut lower than 3 inches.

Grass clippings – It is ok to leave clippings on the lawn. They are actually high in nutrients, and it is beneficial to let them break down. We understand that sometimes the aesthetics are more important, so bag grass clippings only when you have missed a weekly mowing interval, or if there has been an abundance of rain and the grass has grown too rapidly.

Watering – We understand that everyone can't afford a complete irrigation system. If you do have irrigation, please set it to water at ½ an inch twice a week. During the summer months, you

may have to increase to three times per week. If you don't have irrigation, make sure you have plenty of hoses and sprinklers in case your lawn starts to show signs of drought stress.

Additional treatments – Please call us before putting any other chemicals or fertilizers on your lawn. Additional treatments can sometimes burn the lawn if applied in addition to this program. If you plan on aerating and over-seeding on your own, we ask that you use a good quality blend of grass seed. We will be happy to assist in seed selection and application rates if you are not sure what to use or how much to apply. Please keep in mind that fall is the best time to re-seed your lawn.

Soil Test – As part of our program, all lawns will receive an initial soil test. We send the test to the University of Georgia's Cooperative Extension Office, where the soils PH and nutrient levels are tested. If your soil's PH level needs adjusting, we will call and discuss the recommendations with you. A copy of the report will also be mailed to you for your records. Every 2-3 years, the lawn is re-tested to insure it is responding to the program, and to insure the PH is within an acceptable range.

These are recommendations that we feel will provide you with the best results for your lawn. Most of these are common recommendations for any lawn, whether under professional care or not. The more work you put into your lawn, the better the reward and enjoyment you will get out of it. Keep in mind that this program takes time to work. Generally speaking, you should see visual results within a year of your first application. The results become greater the longer you stay on this program. Maintenance on a lawn is just as important as maintenance on a vehicle. You wouldn't sink thousands of dollars into a new car and never have the oil changed or the brakes checked, so why spend a lump sum of money on your lawn initially if you are never going to give it the regular tune-up it needs? Give it the regular maintenance it needs, and it should give you years of trouble free service.

Fertilizer and chemical recommendations are subject to change due to industry standards, or due to abnormal weather conditions. If changes are necessary, no increase in price will take place without first notifying the consumer by telephone or in writing. At this time, Cedar Cove Landscaping does not require a contract for this program. Applications may be stopped by notifying us in writing or by telephone two weeks before the next scheduled application. This document is the property of Cedar Cove Landscaping, and may not be reproduced or distributed in any way without the consent of Cedar Cove Landscaping. All precautions have been made to insure that all of the information in this document is accurate. Cedar Cove Landscaping is not responsible for any damage caused by the misuse of this information. More information on our products and services can be obtained at www.cedarcovelandscaping.com