

Florida Fall-to-Winter Lawn Checklist

HELP YOUR LAWN HEAD INTO COOLER WEATHER IN BETTER SHAPE

Florida may not have the long, frozen winters found farther north, but our lawns do need a different routine as temperatures cool and growth slows. Use this checklist to help your yard transition from fall into winter.



LOOK:

Check Your Lawn
Before Growth Slows

- ❑ Walk the entire lawn and look for thinning or discolored areas.
- ❑ Check for patches that stay unusually wet or dry.
- ❑ Look closely for chewed grass blades or other signs of insect activity.
- ❑ Note weeds that are beginning to spread.
- ❑ Watch for expanding brown or yellow patches that could indicate fungus or another lawn problem.



WATER:

Change With
the Weather

- ❑ Adjust irrigation as temperatures and rainfall change.
- ❑ Avoid using your midsummer watering schedule all winter.
- ❑ Water early in the day so turf has time to dry.
- ❑ Check sprinkler heads for broken, blocked, or uneven coverage.
- ❑ Follow any watering instructions provided after professional lawn treatments.



MOW:

Protect the Grass
You Have

- ❑ Continue mowing while the lawn is actively growing.
- ❑ Maintain the recommended height for your grass type.
- ❑ Never scalp the lawn to prepare it for winter.
- ❑ Keep mower blades sharp for cleaner cuts.
- ❑ Reduce mowing frequency naturally as growth slows.



FEED:

Don't Force
Winter Growth

- ❑ Check local fertilizer restrictions before applying products.
- ❑ Avoid assuming every lawn needs a late-season fertilizer application.
- ❑ Consider your location, grass type, and current growth before fertilizing.
- ❑ Avoid pushing excessive new growth as cooler weather approaches.



PREVENT:

Stay Ahead of Seasonal
Lawn Problems

- ❑ Watch for winter weeds before they become established.
- ❑ Monitor St. Augustine grass and centipedegrass for signs of large patch.
- ❑ Look for damage caused by lawn insects such as tropical sod webworms.
- ❑ Avoid excessive watering that keeps grass wet for extended periods.
- ❑ Have unexplained damage identified before treating it.

One Rule to Remember: Treat the problem, not just the symptom. Brown grass, thinning turf, and yellow patches can have very different causes. Identifying the issue early can help prevent a small lawn problem from becoming a much bigger one.

Want a Professional Set of Eyes on Your Lawn?

Turner's lawn experts understand Florida grass, seasonal conditions, and the problems that can affect your yard throughout the year.

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