



Doc's Bermuda Cheat Sheet

This CHEAT SHEET / summary will help, but for the FULL info, visit the [Bermuda lawn guide and calendar](#).

A SHORT summary of what you need to know. FYI... “big box stores” do NOT carry the needed products to properly care for your lawns, hence the PROFESSIONAL product development with Andersons and the links below. Note: if you want to have PRETTY, VERY SHORT Bermuda, consider a [REEL MOWER](#).

Late winter / very early spring: Temps are still cold highs in 50s or 60s

Your lawn is fairly dormant. Apply your [granular pre-emergent](#) at the **correct** time. (Two weeks earlier than the “experts” say.) Put down some [PGF Balanced](#) 10-10-10 to feed your SOIL, not the lawn. Get a [soil test](#) done ASAP. [HUMICHAR](#) can also be applied for soil health. (Note: do NOT apply pre-emergents to new sod, wait for at least 6 months of a GROWING season.) **IF YOU HAD BAD WEEDS** last year... read our split preemergent program in the [GUIDE](#).

Early Spring – Green Up Starting: Temps are rising highs in the 70s

Scalp your Bermuda lawn to ½ your desired growing height. Example: if you want 1.5” tall Bermuda cut down to ¾”. Apply your [LIQUID pre-emergent](#) (second treatment), feed the LAWN with [PGF Complete fertilizer](#), apply [HUMICHAR](#)... AFTER the scalp. If you have flower or vegetable gardens start looking at [DirtBooster](#) compost maker.

Spring / Early Summer: Temps are nice and warm highs in the 80s

Apply [PGF Complete](#) every 3-4 weeks at the **bag rate**. Apply [HUMICHAR](#) every 4 weeks. If needed... Apply the [DOUBLE KILL bug and grub killer](#) and [granular fungicide](#). (Learn how to identify brown spots and issues) While your lawn is still SHORT... core aerate. For gardens you should have your [DIRTBOOSTER](#) ready to mix for planting. Core aeration and leveling can be done. Best time for new sod install or seeding.

Summer: It's hot baby... highs in the 90s +

The more often you cut your lawn the better. If you want to reduce the needed cutting apply the [granular growth regulator](#). Keep feeding your lawn MODERATELY and watch for fungus and bug issues. Water when needed. Apply [HUMICHAR](#) every 4 weeks. Core aeration can be done. If needed lawns can grow a LITTLE bit taller, but no more than 2.5”

Early Fall: Some relief from brutal summer temps... back down to 80s

Go back to SPRING schedule. Feed the lawn, put down grub killer and fungicide if needed. Test for armyworms every week with soap and water.

Late Fall: Leaves are turning, highs in the 70s

Put down ONE coat of [PGF Balance](#) and cut your lawn only to the height you want it to stay all winter long.