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	Houston Grass Tipsheet for Established Grass
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	The following addresses some of the issues facing St. Augustine Grasses. The watering, fertilizing and mowing requirements for the Bermuda and Zoysia grasses will differ slightly. If you have any questions, please feel free to give us a call at 281-431-7441.
Please Note	These are only guidelines for lawn care. Houston Grass is not responsible for grass once installed. Established grass generally means grass that was planted at least a year ago. No herbicides should be applied to grass less than a year old. For watering, mowing, fertilizing and pesticides, your grass is established after six months if it was planted at the beginning of the growing season.
	Watering Established Grass
Note	*Note that with average water pressure, a "wand" style sprinkler will put out about two-tenths of water per hour so it takes 5 hours to put out 1 inch of water. To verify your particular water output, purchase a rain gauge and put it in the area to be watered. If you have a sprinkler system, we would highly recommend that you do this.
January-March	One inch every 2-3 weeks. Be sure to compensate for rainfall
April-September	One inch (two half-inch waterings if runoff is an issue) every week. If you come home in the evening and you see some stress in your grass with the blades kind of closed up, you should increase that watering to three half-inch waterings per week. Again, a rain gauge is the most accurate way to measure the water your grass is getting.
October	Once the daytime temperature consistently stays below 80 degrees, we recommend that you reduce watering to 1 inch every 2-3 weeks so as to not promote Brown Patch.
November- December	One inch every 2-3 weeks compensating for rainfall.
	Mowing Established Grass
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