

# TIFTUF™

CERTIFIED BERMUDAGRASS

## CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW TIFTUF™ LAWN!



TifTuf™ was selected for its drought tolerance and ability to maintain turf quality under drought stress. Once TifTuf™ is established, it will rarely need irrigation, even during a moderate drought. University drought tests have TifTuf™ consistently ranked as the highest in quality and appearance over time compared to all other bermudagrasses.

TifTuf™ is only available as blue tag certified sod. This assurance of quality is provided by each state certifying agency where it was produced. Please refer to your invoice or separate certification documentation received at the point of sale. The unauthorized/unlicensed commercial propagation or transfer of this product to third parties for such propagation is prohibited by the patent owner.

**Your TifTuf bermudagrass is the most drought-tolerant turf available and requires 38% LESS WATER than the industry standard bermudagrass. It was developed at the renowned University of Georgia breeding program and extensively researched at universities across the nation.**

**Your TifTuf lawn has these benefits:**

- ✓ Decreased water bill every month.
- ✓ Sets roots quickly, requiring less water to become established in the landscape.
- ✓ Requires less watering once established.
- ✓ Less fertilizer needed than other bermudagrasses.
  - ✓ Greens up earlier in spring.
  - ✓ Holds its color longer into the fall.
- ✓ Great traffic tolerance for pets, kids, etc.
- ✓ One of the easier lawns to maintain



### YOUR NEWLY INSTALLED TIFTUF LAWN

**First 14 Days After an Installation in March – November:** TifTuf™ installed in this window will take 7–21 days to root depending on weather.

**Irrigation:** You must irrigate daily to keep the soil consistently moist underneath the sod pad. If the soil underneath the sod isn't wet, continue to apply water until it is.

**Fertilizer:** Apply Starter Fertilizer within 7 days of installation to ensure plant has the nutrients it needs to grow.

**Maintenance:** After your TifTuf™ lawn is rooted in (when you can't pull it up), you can stop irrigation other than during prolonged, extreme drought periods. (In arid regions, please consult your local Cooperative Extension Service or your sod supplier for recommended irrigation management.) While other bermudagrasses survive drought conditions by going dormant and greening up at the first exposure to moisture, TifTuf™ stays green without going dormant under normal drought stress.

## EASYCARE TIFTUF™ LAWN MAINTENANCE CALENDAR



### SPRING

**MOWING:** Mow the lawn at .5" to 2" tall when it first turns green. After the first mowing, leave the grass clippings on your lawn — they decompose quickly and help provide some of the lawn's fertilizer needs. Mow no more than 1/3 of the leaf off at one mowing. The optimal cut height range for TifTuf™ is 1" to 1.5" tall. Use sharp mower blades. It can be mowed with rotary mowers or reel mowers for a

cleaner cut.

**FERTILIZATION:** TifTuf™ requires less fertilization than other bermudagrasses. Needs will vary given the climate and conditions. Check with your state Cooperative Extension Service or sod producer for fertilizer recommendations.

**WEED CONTROL:** Using weed control is an important part of any lawn maintenance plan. Use products that are specifically for bermudagrass. At least three weeks after the grass turns green, apply postemergence herbicides as needed (only if weeds are present). Always read the herbicide label and follow the directions carefully. Weed control needs to be utilized annually. Check with your local Cooperative Extension Service on spring weed control recommendations for your region.



### SUMMER

**IRRIGATION:** Optimum water management, as with any grass, is dependent on soil, physical characteristics, and climate. While the watering rule-of-thumb for every other grass types is to provide 1" of water per week, in our southeastern climate, TifTuf™ rarely needs to be irrigated when grown in good soils once its roots are established. However, you should always monitor for any apparent drought stress, if applicable. Check with your local Cooperative Extension Service or sod supplier on any irrigation recommendations.

**MOWING:** Keep the cut height in a range of .5" to 2". Again, the optimal cut height range is 1" to 1.5" tall.

**FERTILIZATION:** Remember, TifTuf™ requires less fertilization than other bermudagrasses. Check with your state Cooperative Extension Service or sod producer for fertilizer recommendations.

**WEED CONTROL:** Apply postemergence herbicides as needed to control summer annual and perennial broadleaf weeds. Apply only if weeds are present, the grass is actively growing, and the lawn is not experiencing drought stress. Check with your local Cooperative Extension Service on summer weed control recommendations for your region.



### FALL AND WINTER

**MOWING:** Continue mowing at .5" to 2" until several weeks before the first expected frost. As winter approaches, raise the mowing height to 2".

**DORMANCY:** TifTuf™ goes dormant for the winter but it offers excellent spring green up and green color retention into fall.

**WEED CONTROL:** Apply pre-emergence or post-emergence herbicides as needed to control winter annual and perennial broadleaf weeds. Keep in mind that pre-emergence herbicides do not control existing perennial weeds. Apply postemergence herbicides only when weeds are present. Check with your local Cooperative Extension Service on pre-emergence and post-emergence control recommendations for your region. If the lawn is to be overseeded with ryegrass, do not apply herbicides designed to control annual bluegrass.