

## Piala's Lawn Care Recommendations | Maintaining Existing Lawns

### FERTILIZING EXISTING LAWNS

An established lawn should typically receive between three and five applications of fertilization throughout the growing season. With all lawn fertilizers, the ratio of N-P-K (Nitrogen, Phosphorous, and Potassium) is more important than the specific numbers, which can vary by brand. Follow these guidelines for maintaining a thriving lawn:

**Application 1 – March/April** (when temperatures are consistently above freezing and snow is done)  
Spring Fertilizer (20-0-3 or similar) plus crab grass control

**Application 2 – Memorial Day**  
Summer Fertilizer (25-0-4 or similar) with broadleaf weed control

**Application 3 – July/August** (skip if there is a lack of seasonal rain – irrigated lawns OK to fertilize)  
Mid-Summer Fertilizer (24-0-4 or similar)

**Application 4 – Labor Day**  
Summer Fertilizer (25-0-4 or similar) with broadleaf weed control

**Application 5 – November** (when temperatures are consistently in the 40's and prior to snow) If there have been problems with snow mold or similar fungal issues in previous seasons, it is best to skip any high Nitrogen fertilizer in the fall.

Fall Fertilizer/Winterizer (25-0-6 or similar)

*If you have any questions regarding your fertilizing schedule, please contact us at any time.*

### MOWING EXISTING LAWNS

It is important to lawn health that it is mowed to a min. of 2.5-3.5" in height. Keeping the lawn at this height will promote stronger root development, and helps weeds from germinating, require less watering in the hot summer months, and control proper thatch amounts.