

## David Rodriguez' Year 'round Lawn Care Guide for San Antonio and Surrounding Area

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1) Fertilizing (traditional)	Soil Test every 3-5 years			Apply 3-1-2 or 4-1-2 <b>slow release</b> fertilizer after 2nd mowing (1)		11-0-0 Iron- Plus Supplement				Apply 3-1-2 or 4-1-2 <b>NOT</b> slow release (2)		
2) Fertilizing (organic/natural)	Soil Test every 3-5 years		March poultry or alfalfa derived (3)			June poultry or alfalfa derived (3)			Sept poultry or alfalfa derived (3)			
3) Aeration & compost	Every 3 years, in February or March, core aerate & apply finely screened, high quality compost or premium lawn dressing with minimal sand visible. If soil is dry, apply 1/2" of irrigation 7 and then again 3 days before aerating.									Same as Jan		
Mowing	Mow frequently with a sharp blade to build turf density. Remove no more than 1/3 of grass blades with each mowing. Return clippings to the lawn to recycle their complete & balanced nutrient content. When prolonged rainy periods delay mowing, mow once at a taller height and then again at the desired height, or bag clippings for composting.											
Watering	0"	0"	½"	¾"	1"	1"	1"	1"	¾"	½"	0"	
Deep, infrequent watering promotes deep rooting, minimizes disease & insect problems.												

Soil testing- <https://soiltesting.tamu.edu>

\* Fertilizing: choose either synthetic or organic. We **DO NOT** recommend a "Weed & Feed" product. We do recommend a preemergent herbicide granule February and August

(1) Spring Synthetic/traditional fertilizer analysis: 19-5-9, 19-4-10, 15-5-10  
Fall Synthetic/traditional fertilizer analysis: 18-6-12

(2) Organic/natural fertilizer analysis:  
3-2-3, 9-6-1, etc

(3) Compost & lawn dressing contain either manure, biosolids, or vegetable waste