



European Chafer Beetle Lawn Care Calendar

JANUARY

- Assess damage from chafer larvae and chafer predators to lawn
- Sample lawn for chafer larvae
- Turn over 1 square foot sections of lawn (5 sections per lawn)
- Dig through soil beneath grass, counting number of chafer larvae found
- If more than 5 chafer found per square foot section, consider nematode application in July

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

- Aerate compacted soil with a power aerator

MAY

- Reseed & top dress damaged areas
- Water newly planted lawns daily (obtain a lawn establishment watering permit if necessary)
- For established lawns, water twice weekly for at least two hours at a time (following watering restrictions if in place)
- Apply slow-release fertilizer to lawn
- Mow once per week, maintaining the grass at a height of 5-6cm. Leave the grass clippings on the lawn

JUNE

- Water lawn twice weekly for at least two hours at a time (following watering restrictions if in place)
- Mow once per week, maintaining the grass at a height of 5-6cm. Leave the grass clippings on the lawn

JULY

- Water lawn twice weekly for at least two hours at a time (following watering restrictions if in place)
- Apply nematodes, *Heterorhabditis bacteriophora*, to the lawn during the last week of July. Water lawn for 3 hours prior to nematode application, and for 3 hours following nematode application. Nematodes should be applied in the evening or on a cloudy day.
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AUGUST

- Water lawn twice weekly for at least two hours at a time (following watering restrictions if in place)
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SEPTEMBER

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OCTOBER

- Minimize skunk and crow damage by replacing and stomping down clumps of grass immediately after they have been pulled up

NOVEMBER

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DECEMBER

- No maintenance required

