



## Lawn Care After a Freeze

### Question:

Hello All,

My St. Augustine lawn is still trying to revive from the freeze lots of brown grass but it has about 6-7 different weeds in it. I was told to use nitrophos barricade re-emerging herbicide. And on top of that do I also add fertilizer. I'm not sure about the timing of these applications. If you have suggestions for any other products, please let me know. I'm afraid I need to stay on top of this as I live next to an empty lot with lots of weed. I'm trying not to kill the trees nearby and trying to take care of the environment also. So, any help advice would be appreciated. My lawn guy wants to dump some Scott's weed and feed but I told him to wait.

### Answer:

Good afternoon,

A&M Turf Specialist are recommending a different spring to-do-list this year. I am attaching an excellent article featuring Dr. Becky Bowling.

<https://agrilifetoday.tamu.edu/2021/03/18/early-spring-lawn-to-do-list-a-little-different-this-year>

<https://cdn.agrilifetoday.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/lawnmower.jpg>

Early spring lawn to-do list a little different this year | AgriLife Today

Lawns around the state may need homeowners to do a little more in some respects and a little less in others to help turfgrass recover from the recent historic freeze, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert. Caring for the lawn this spring may take extra planning due to Winter ...

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As a summary, do not stress your lawn any more than necessary for its recovery. Recommendations are:

1. Do not use preemergent herbicides this year. Most work by interfering with photosynthesis and this could cause stressed turf to not recover.
2. Monitor irrigation, do not overwater.
3. You should never apply phosphorous unless a soil test reveals a shortage. Our soils in Fort Bend County are mostly clay and are naturally high in phosphorous. Too much phosphorous can cause soil to become alkaline and soil in Fort Bend County is already quite alkaline.
4. Do not fertilize until the lawn has been mowed at least two times. This means the soil is warm and your grass is growing. Fertilizing too early only feeds the weeds.