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August is an invitation for new life.

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Your turf is fighting for its life as the temp's tip the 90's and rain is very minimal. As it got warmer and the availability of water became less, the roots which used to be 6-8 inches are now receded to 2-3 inches. This is the reason you water early in the morning. This is also the reason you keep the height of the grass cut as high as possible. The roots will reflect the growth which is on top. August is an invitation for new life. While the first couple weeks may still touch the 90's, the last two weeks will settle back to the 70's and 80's. This is the perfect time to seed or sod areas that have been struggling. Germination is quick with adequate water and growth will excel with temps lowering to the 70's. Weeds are no longer in competition as they are checking out for the season. The end of August is also perfect for fertilization. As temps cool, turf grass will begin to push roots back down into the soil. The turf grass will require more nutrients for growth and storage. Fertilizer with nitrogen and potassium will help the turf with growth and color. Make sure to not apply fertilizer if the temps are to exceed 85 degrees. The end of August will also bring on the fall lush. This is when the turf grass will use up its remaining summer food stores and grow like crazy. Between Aug 20 and Sept. 10 most people will have to mow their lawns twice a week just to keep up. Good luck with your seeding and get your lawn mower ready for battle.

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