

Scotts Weed & Feed: Quick-Reference Instructions

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Damp lawn, dry sky

Spread on a slightly damp lawn (morning dew is perfect) so granules stick to weed leaves. No rain or watering for the next 24 hours.

60–90°F + growing weeds

Apply when daytime temps are 60 to 90°F and weeds are actively growing. Dormant weeds will not absorb it.

Max 2× per year

Wait at least 30 days between applications and never exceed 2 broadcast applications per year.

STEP-BY-STEP APPLICATION

1. **Mow 2–3 days before.** Do not bag away the weeds' leaf surface right before treating.
2. **Measure your lawn.** Match the coverage printed on your bag to your actual area.
3. **Set the spreader to the number printed on your bag.** Non-Scotts spreader: start low, spread a measured 500 sq ft test area, adjust.
4. **Apply to damp grass.** Morning dew or a light pre-mist; not soaked, not bone dry.
5. **Perimeter first, then fill** with slightly overlapping back-and-forth passes (broadcast spreader; with a drop spreader, overlap wheel tracks only).
6. **Keep it dry for 24 hours**, then water deeply once to move fertilizer to the roots.

WAIT TIMES AFTER APPLYING

Action	Wait
Rain or watering	24 hours minimum
Mowing	24–48 hours
Kids & pets back on lawn	After granules dissolve (first watering dries)
Reseeding / overseeding	4+ weeks
Second application	30 days (2/year max)
Visible weed decline	Typically 5–14 days; fuller lawn over 3–6 weeks

WHICH BAG DO YOU HAVE?

Product	NPK	Notes
Weed & Feed ₃ (classic)	28-0-3	Broadleaf weeds; most cool- and warm-season lawns
Weed & Feed ₅ (newer)	26-0-2	Broader weed list: bahia, bermuda, bluegrass, centipede, fescue, ryegrass, zoysia

- Not for St. Augustine or floratam. Use the Southern products (e.g. Bonus S) there, and follow that bag's own directions, not this sheet.
- The subscript number is the formula generation, not a different product type.

TIMING BY REGION

Region	Best window
North (cool-season)	Late April–May, again early fall
Transition zone	April–May once weeds are up and growing
South (warm-season)	March–April after full green-up

- Trigger on conditions, not the calendar: growing weeds + 60–90°F days.
- Fall pass (North): weeds still green, roughly Sept–early Oct.