

Grass Type	Optimal Height (inches)	Notes
Bermudagrass (warm)	1 – 1.5	Can be lower for hybrid; never remove >1/3
Zoysia (warm)	1 – 2	Keep higher in shade
St. Augustine (warm)	2.5 – 4	Very shade-tolerant; higher is healthier
Kentucky bluegrass (cool)	2.5 – 3.5	Raise during summer heat
Tall fescue (cool)	3 – 4	Drought-tolerant at 4"
Perennial ryegrass (cool)	2 – 3	Often mixed with bluegrass
Fine fescue (cool)	2.5 – 4	Prefers low fertility, higher cut