

KCHOA Newsletter

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Welcome New Board Members

Barry Skinner- President/Treasurer

Jill Nickols-Vice President/Social Liaison

Patty Caulfield- Secretary

Earl Henry-Board Member/Maintenance Liaison

Walt Howard-Board Member

New Website

We have a new website that you can access approved minutes to the Board Meetings, E-Mail addresses of Board Members, ARC request forms and other general information. The address is **www.kings-cove.org**. As minutes are only available to homeowners, you will need to use the following user name and password:

User Name- resident

Password- kchoa

Architectural Review Committee

Please keep in mind as you are doing your hurricane repairs that all **changes** to the outside of your home require approval by the ARC Committee. Forms are available on the website and can be submitted to the address above.

Social Committee

We hope everyone who attended the Easter Egg hunt had a great time. Upcoming events include another block party this summer and a garage sale in April (see garage sale details on back).

HOA Dues

We have collected 98% of our dues at present.

GENERAL LAWN CARE INFORMATION & TIPS

FLORATAM

A wide bladed variety that spreads from runners on top of the soil. Floratam is used in full sun. This grass will tolerate a fairly wide range of soil ph and some salt tolerance.

SEVILLE

A semi-dwarf variety with a luxurious dark green color. Seville may be used in full sun to moderate shade. This grass will tolerate a wide range of soil ph and has good salt tolerance.

HOW MANY PIECES OF SOD DO I NEED?

There are 400 square feet per pallet (150 pieces/pallet). Each piece is 2.66 sq. ft. To figure out how many pieces you need for the area you wish to sod, take the total sq. ft. area and divide it by 2.66.

Example:

$$20 \times 10 = 200 \text{ sq ft}$$

$$200 \div 2.66 = 75.19$$

(approx 75 pieces)

10 ft

20 ft

FEEDING

St. Augustine needs to be fertilized 3 to 4 times a year.

Spring – apply fertilizer with pre-emergent for weed control

Summer – apply fertilizer with nitrogen and iron to maintain color and vigor. Apply insect control for ants and chinch bugs. Apply fungicides for fungus infestation.

Fall – apply fertilizer with atrazine for broadleaf weed control.

Winter – treat the lawn for broadleaf weeds, crabgrass, and sedge.

INSECTS

Chinch bugs and sod webworms are the most common insects to cause problems. The warmer months are the problem months. Chinch bugs are tiny insects (1/8" in length) that suck plant juices. They thrive in hot, dry weather and produce patches of dead areas that look like brown dried straw. Sod webworms chew off grass blades just above the thatch line. Other insects that can cause damage include grubs, army worms and mole crickets.

FUNGUS

Fungus spreads from place to place by microscopic spores. When conditions of moisture, temperature and humidity are favorable, fungus attacks grasses. Irregular, dead or declining areas in your lawn may indicate fungus infestation.