

Mowing

Mowing Tips:

Proper mowing is essential to maintain a healthy, green lawn. Proper mowing promotes deeper roots, prevents water loss, and thickens the turf, which helps to reduce weed growth.

Mower Height:

Early Spring: Cut your lawn 2 - 2 1/2" high for the first two lawn mowings. For subsequent mowings, cut at 2 1/2 - 3" high.

Late Spring/Summer/Early Fall: Cut your lawn at 2 - 1/2" to 3." No more that 1/3 of the leaf blade should be removed at any one time - cutting more removes the greenest part of the blade, resulting in a dull appearance. Low mowing can stress the plant, making it more susceptible to insects, disease and heat stress.

Late Fall: For the last couple of mowings in October, lower your blades to 2" to help prepare your lawn for winter.

Mowing Frequency:

Lawns should be mowed every 5-6 days throughout the summer.

Mower Blades:

Blades should be sharpened every 4-6 mowings. Dull mower blades rip and tear the end of the grass blades. The tips will break open, leaving the plant more susceptible to disease and causing rapid water loss. Dull blades play a major role in the poor color of a lawn as the frayed ends turn a brownish color. Avoid mowing a wet lawn as it will cause the same problems as a dull blade.

