

Lawn Care & Maintenance Guide

A healthy lawn can add beauty and be a functional part of your landscape. Lawns can provide a relaxing space to play and entertain. Besides lawns being attractive and adding value to your home, they also help the environment by filtering dust and pollutants, cooling down the area around them during the summer months, and providing oxygen to us. Below are a few tips that can help you maintain a beautiful lawn with minimal work and time.

Watering your Lawn

How often to water is a question that is often asked. The answer depends on several factors including soil type, outside temperature, wind, type of grass, and how you maintain your lawn. During the winter months, you may not need to water at all as long as it rains every couple of weeks. In the Spring, you may need to water once or twice a week depending on the temperature and Spring rains. In the Summer and early Fall, generally twice a week should be sufficient with an occasional extra watering during very hot periods.

Fertilizing Schedule

The purpose of fertilizing is to maintain a green, healthy lawn. This can be achieved by fertilizing at a minimum of 3 times per year, once in the Spring, once in the early Summer, and once in the fall. Two additional applications of fertilizer may be desired to provide optimum health. Depending on the time of year, different types of fertilizers are recommended for optimum growth and health. Below is a chart of when you might consider fertilizing and some of the options that you might consider to keep your lawn happy and healthy. Remember to water after applying fertilizers unless applying on a rainy day.



When to Fertilize	Type of Fertilizer
Late January to Mid February	Master Nursery Fall & Winter Feed or E.B. Stone Nature's Green Lawn Food
Late March to Early April	Master Green Lawn Food or E.B. Stone Nature's Green Lawn Food
Late May to Early June	Master Green Lawn Food or E.B. Stone Nature's Green Lawn Food
September	Master Green Lawn Food or Nature's Green Lawn Food
November	Master Nursery Fall & Winter Feed or E.B. Stone Nature's Green Lawn Food

Mowing

Lawns look best and stay healthiest if mowed on a regular basis. The duration between mowings will depend on time of year and growth rate of your lawn due to fertilizing and watering. Generally, it is better to raise your lawn mower settings one or two notches during the summer months to help retain moisture better in the lawn. In the winter months, it is a good idea to lower the mower one or two settings to keep the lawn from getting fungi due to the colder and wetter days.

Insect Considerations

If your lawn starts turning brown in patches or not looking as green as you think it should, your lawn may be under attack by insects that often attack the grass at the root. If this is the case, you will want to inspect your lawn for grubs, cutworms, or other critters that might be doing damage. Most of the damage seems to be in the late Spring and early Summer and then again in the Fall. If you are having issues with these insects, you can apply Eight® granules to your lawn.

