

# YOUR LAWN



## A Healthy Lawn Year-Round

(NAPSA)—You may not need a green thumb to have green grass. Just a calendar. Different months offer different lawn-care opportunities for homeowners. Knowing what to do to your lawn and when to do it can help make your turf tops. Try these tips:

### **Feed With Fertilizer**

Fall can be a great time to get a head start on your lawn for the spring. However, fall feedings are often forgotten. An attractive, thick, green lawn can be kept throughout the year with an annual program of four or five feedings, starting in early spring and repeated every two months.

Ashton Ritchie, agronomist with the Scotts Company, says “many folks let their grass starve in fall, yet this is the best time of year to build up the lawn by feeding it.”

### **Stick To A Watering Routine**

Most lawns require about one inch of water per week from rain or sprinkling. This can be achieved by leaving your sprinkler on at each setting for approximately one to one-and-one-half hours.

When to water? If the lawn needs water badly, any time will do, but whenever possible water early in the day, rather than evenings. Late watering can encourage the spread of fungus and disease. Remember, don't stop watering your lawn at the end of the summer. Continue a daily watering routine until the colder months of winter begin.



**It's Always That Time Of Year—**  
**Experts say there are things you can do throughout the year to keep your lawn looking its best.**

### **Keep Mowing If It's Growing**

Stick with your mowing regimen until grass growth slows for the winter. It's usually best to cut grass with your mower blade at a higher setting. Also, keep your blade sharp. Mowing with a dull blade tears the ends of grass blades, leaving ragged ends which later turn brown, giving the lawn a dried-out look.

Finally, it's important to remove clippings after mowing. Heavy clippings can smother grass.

Fertilizer and other lawn products made by Scotts can be found at Wal-Mart Garden Centers.

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