

Cultivate A Lawn In Three Easy Steps

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(NAPSA)—To many homeowners, a thick, green lawn brings a great sense of pride. There's also a financial incentive to having a great-looking lawn: According to The Lawn



Institute, homeowners may realize up to a 15-percent increase in property value from a well-maintained lawn and landscape.

Maintaining your lawn doesn't have to be a massive undertaking. All you need to remember are three easy steps to having a fuller, more beautiful lawn:

- **Fertilize.** For the best-looking lawn, fertilize according to label directions during the active growth period. So for warm-season grasses, such as Bermuda and St. Augustine, that means fertilizing from late spring through the summer and, in the Deep South, into early fall. Cool-season grasses, such as Kentucky bluegrass and tall fescue, require fertilization in the spring, no applications during the heat of summer, and resuming applications in the fall (winter in warmer parts of the country). Be sure to follow the recommended fertilizer spreader settings on the bag.

- **Water properly.** If you look behind you and see footprints in your grass, it's time to water. Most lawns need a total of about one to two inches of water per week in mid-summer. Usually this is broken up into two or three applications, watering the soil to a depth of six to eight inches each time. Be sure to water early in the morning to avoid lawn diseases.

- **Mow frequently.** Set your mower at the proper height for your type of lawn grass. Mow the lawn when the grass reaches



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one-third higher than the recommended mowing height. Cut it too low and you'll weaken the lawn, inviting weeds to take over.

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