

# HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

## Preparing Your Lawn

(NAPSA)—It's fairly easy to keep your lawn looking beautiful during warm weather, but what about when the temperature drops? To keep your lawn looking its best year-round, it is important to take action during the fall to ensure a healthy lawn for next season. Fall lawn maintenance prepares your lawn for the plunging temperatures and also prevents disease organisms.



Here are some tips for maintaining a lush, green lawn:

- Raise the mowing height to one-half inch above the recommended height for summer. Using a reel mower seals grass as it's cut, retaining nutrients and guarding against disease.

- Rake up any leaves or other debris that have fallen on your lawn. Pay close attention to areas with heavy thatch build-up.

- Fertilize your lawn one last time with nitrogen fertilizer to promote healthy root growth.

- Reseed areas as needed. Fall is a perfect time for new grass to take root.

- Use a dandelion digger to remove weeds so they don't return in the spring.

For more information on winterizing your lawn or reel mowers, contact American Lawn Mower Company/Great States Corporation toll free at 1-800-633-1501.