

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.