

Search Is On for The *All-American* Lawn

Home Improvement And Power Equipment Companies To Award \$10,000 To Top Residential Lawn

(NAPSA)—This time of year, when a homeowner's fancy turns to *the lawn*, enthusiasts are commencing their lawn care rituals in hopes of green things to come. This year, their efforts might literally pay off.

For the fourth consecutive year, Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse and lawn mower engine manufacturer Briggs & Stratton are sponsoring the All-American Lawn Contest. The team will canvas the nation in search of those residential lawns that best define what it means to be "All-American." They want to know what makes American lawns unique and why their owners love them.

Is your lawn more than just great grass? Is it a place where your family gathers for fun? If so, you could win the top prize of \$10,000 cash. Four finalists will each win a \$1,000 Lowe's gift certificate.

To enter, contestants must show and tell what makes their lawns worthy of the title "All-American." Each entry must include photos or video footage of the lawn and a

brief written description of why it should be considered. Lowe's and Briggs & Stratton want to know how homeowners create the All-American Lawn scene, from the activities they enjoy there to the landscaping secrets that make an ordinary lawn an oasis.

Entries will be judged equally on the following categories: overall appearance, creativity, best use of space, how the lawn is cared for and how the lawn functions in the everyday life of its owner and caretaker.

For more information about the contest and to view the lawns of previous grand prize winners, visit the official contest Web site at www.allamericanlawn.com.

Official entry forms and rules are available at all participating Lowe's stores and online at www.lowes.com, www.briggsandstratton.com or www.allamericanlawn.com.

Headquartered in Wilkesboro, N.C., Lowe's Companies, Inc. is the world's second largest home improvement retailer. Briggs & Stratton, headquartered in Mil-

waukee, Wis., is the world's largest producer of air-cooled gasoline engines for outdoor power equipment.

Prescription for an All-American Lawn from the Briggs & Stratton Yard Doctor Trey Rogers, Ph.D.

Never remove more than one-third of the grass blade during any one mowing.

Leave mulched grass clippings on your lawn.

Alternate your mowing pattern each time you mow to prevent compaction.

Keep your mower blade sharp.

Water early in the day when the sun is less intense.

Lawns require one to two inches of water weekly.

Do not over-fertilize. Follow the application rates on the package.

