

Your Lawn

Tips On Helping Your Yard Warm Up To Spring

(NAPSA)—With winter finally behind us, it's time to focus on getting your yard prepped and ready to enjoy! Here are some tips that can help make your time and effort more productive and rewarding.

- Don't try to get everything done in just one weekend. Make sure the lawn has a chance to wake up and come back to life during the early spring months. If you are patient, the sun and soil will often do much of the prep work for you.

- Give your yard a thorough raking before you treat the grass or mow for the first time. Raking pulls up any thatch that may have accumulated over the winter and highlights any dead spots or compacted areas that need special attention. If your lawn is compacted, loosen the soil so the grass can start growing again.

- It's easier to rid your lawn of weeds before they have a chance to form. Early spring is a good time to apply herbicides to prevent the weeds from developing.

- Low spots in a lawn can cause poor drainage, lead to poor growing conditions for grass and make mowing a challenge. Use a shovel to cut away areas that are raised and fill in spaces that are depressed.

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Start your spring-cleaning tasks with a deep clean of your deck, siding and driveway for an instant curb appeal boost. The Briggs & Stratton POWERflow+ pressure washer offers a high-pressure option for deep cleaning or high-flow option for longer-reaching and faster-rinsing cycles. It can also be used on delicate surfaces, such as your patio furniture.

Its 7-in-1 nozzle with one-handed operation saves time and eliminates the need for multiple trips. It even has a detergent



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tank that works to deliver power soaping on demand and a fold-down handle design for compact storage.

If your yard has an uneven terrain, the Troy-Bilt Mustang Zero-Turn Lawn Mower is made to handle such tasks. It has a Kohler engine, comes with mulching capabilities and has an integrated rear hitch that allows you to use dump carts, spreaders and other tow-behind attachments. You can also attach a garden hose to quickly and easily clean the underside of a deck.

The Troy-Bilt FLEX, available exclusively at Lowe's, is a whole new approach to yard care. It features a single-base engine that powers four different attachments including a wide-area mower, leaf blower, pressure washer and snow thrower, freeing up a lot of space in your garage. It allows you to easily transition from one job to the next as each attachment clicks right into the base engine.

The attachments are sold separately so homeowners can customize their system. This allows customers to save money and up to 60 percent of garage storage space when compared to the purchase of individual, one-use products.

For more information, visit www.Lowes.com.