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Walk Test

Walk across your lawn and look back. If you can see your footprints after a few minutes, your grass needs water.

THE Greenscapes Guide TO LAWN CARE

Early Spring (April)

- ✓ Test your soil.
- ✓ If tests indicates, add compost, lime and other soil amendments.
- ✓ Start new compost bin/pile.
- ✓ Remove leaves and add to compost bin.
- ✓ Apply corn gluten for crabgrass control. Do not apply at same time as seeding.

Late Spring (May-June)

- ✓ Rake to remove thatch build-up
- ✓ Re-seed bare patches and top-dress with 1/2" compost
- ✓ Sharpen mower blade if needed and reset height to 3 inches
- ✓ Leave clippings on the lawn
- ✓ Apply compost tea
- ✓ Pull weeds by hand or treat with white vinegar

- ✓ Plant native, drought-tolerant plants
 - ✓ Mulch gardens
 - ✓ Top-dress lawn with 1/2" compost
- Aerate and water compost pile
- Before Memorial Day, no need to water in average years
- After Memorial Day, conduct Walk Test and water if thirsty

Your Lawn at Dawn

Watering at daybreak is by far the most effective and helps to prevent the growth of fungus.

Summer (July - August)

- ✓ Allow grass to go dormant during dry summer days
- ✓ Aerate and water compost pile
- ✓ If grubs, treat with beneficial nematodes
- ✓ Routinely conduct Walk Test and water if thirsty (but obey watering bans)
- ✓ Continue to pull weeds or treat with white vinegar

Fall (September - October)

- ✓ Sharpen mower blades and keep height to 3 inches
- ✓ Leave clippings on the lawn
- ✓ Apply corn gluten to control next year's crabgrass (do not apply at same time as seeding)
- ✓ Overseed with drought-tolerant grass seed (includes mostly tall fescue seeds)
- ✓ Do last mowing of the season at 2" height

Fall is the best time to start or renovate a lawn!

- ✓ Top-dress lawn with 1/2" compost
 - ✓ Aerate compacted areas
 - ✓ Rake leaves; use as mulch and/or add to compost
- Until Labor Day, conduct Walk Test and water if thirsty (obey watering bans)
- After Labor Day, no need to water in average years