



SUMMER LAWN CARE

The summer season can be a very trying time for homeowner's and their lawns. So here are a few general tips to help keep your lawn looking its best this summer.

- 1.) Keep mowing on a regular basis. Never remove more than ½ of the grass blades each time you mow.
- 2.) Cut your lawn at a higher mowing height. We recommend to keep you mowing height at least 2 ½ to 3 inches. Longer grass blades mean less stress on turf, the crowns are shaded and protected from the heat of the sun, grass roots should grow deeper, and your turf will do much nicer during the summer than the lawns mowed close and stressed.
- 3.) Change your mowing pattern each time you mow. Mow east to west one week, then north to south the next. Then take it diagonally. Just like the golf course pros do! This encourages your grass to grow upright, rather than laying down (being mowed one direction all the time) and definitely creates a happier lawn.
- 4.) Cycle those clippings back into the turf. Returning those clippings is like one additional fertilizing each year. Grass clippings are 75-85% water, decompose quickly, and do not create thatch problems.
- 5.) We recommend having those mower blades sharpened on a regular basis. This means at least 3 to 4 times throughout the mowing season. Dull blades shred rather than cut which will give your lawn a yellowed look, and will make the grass more susceptible to disease.
- 6.) Be sure to clean out under the mower when you're finished mowing. It's important to remove that grass build up, especially if you have an under the deck exhaust. It also helps the mower deck to operate properly. So keep under the deck cleaned!

No homeowner wants a dead or brown lawn, so just follow these simple steps for a green lush summer grass. If you have any questions please contact one of our many experts at McShane's Nursery and they will be very happy to help you.