

# Year-Round Lawn Care

This playbook describes the essential lawn care tasks for maintaining a healthy lawn throughout the different seasons. It covers mowing, watering, fertilizing, and addressing common lawn issues.

## Step 1: **Spring Prep**

Clean up the lawn from winter debris and thatch. Perform a soil test to adjust pH and nutrient levels. Begin mowing as the grass starts to grow, keeping the blade high.

## Step 2: **Summer Maintenance**

Mow regularly, keeping the grass at an optimal height to promote deep root growth. Water the lawn deeply but infrequently to encourage drought resistance. Look out for pests and diseases.

## Step 3: **Autumn Care**

Adjust your mowing height and frequency as grass growth slows. Fertilize the lawn to prepare for the winter months. Aerate to improve soil structure and drainage.

## Step 4: **Winter Protection**

Minimize foot traffic on the dormant grass to prevent damage. Avoid applying fertilizers or water. Clear leaves and other debris to prevent mold and disease.

## Step 5: **Continuous Monitoring**

Regularly monitor your lawn for signs of stress or disease. Treat problems such as weeds, pests, and diseases promptly with appropriate methods.

## **General Notes**

### **Mowing Height**

Maintain different mowing heights throughout the seasons: higher during dry or hot periods, and lower in the cooler growth periods of spring and fall.

### **Watering Schedule**

Adjust the watering schedule based on rainfall, temperature, and soil moisture levels. Over-watering can be as harmful as under-watering.

### **Soil Testing**

Perform a soil test at least every 2-3 years, or annually if adjusting soil pH or recovering from lawn diseases or pests.