



Summer Lawn Care

Summer can be trying for lawns in West Texas. Try the following tips to keep your lawn looking its best:

1. Keep mowing regularly at a higher mowing height: at least 2 ½ to 3 inches. Never mow more than ⅓ of the grass blade when you mow. Longer grass blades mean less stress on the turf as the crowns are shaded and protected from the heat of the sun. Also the grass roots should grow deeper and your turf will do much nicer than turf cut shorter.
2. Change your mowing pattern each time you mow. Mow east to west one week, then north to south the next. The next week, go diagonally. This encourages your grass to grow upright rather than laying down (from mowing in the same direction every time).
3. Sharpen mower blades regularly - 3 to 4 times in the mowing season. Dull blades shred rather than cut which gives your lawn a yellowed look and makes the grass more susceptible to disease.
4. Clean out the mower deck when you're finished. It's important to remove grass build-up, especially if you have an under-deck exhaust. It also helps the mower deck to operate properly.
5. Water as needed - your lawn needs 1 inch of "rainfall" every 10 days. In West Texas, that means using a sprinkler. The best way to add water to your lawn is deeply. Deep watering creates a deeper rooted lawn which makes it sturdier during drought conditions. This is accomplished by multiple waterings in shorter time increments, allowing the water to soak in deeper so as not to allow runoff.
6. **Don't forget to fertilize!** Use the following schedule with our recommended products:

March 15: Pre-emergent Care

Apply 1 bag per 3000 sq ft of Corteva Crew to front and back yards and water in well.

April 1: Fertilize

Apply 1 bag SouthWest Greenmaker to front and back yards and water in well.

May 15: Post-emergent Care

Apply 1 bag Ferti-lome Weed Out over the front and back yards and water in well.

June 15: Fertilize

Apply 1 bag SouthWest Greenmaker to front and back yards and water in well.

August 1: Fertilize

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