



Focus on Your Lawn Now

Everyone knows the importance of making a good first impression. When it comes to your home exterior, your front lawn is a feature people tend to notice. A well-maintained lawn enhances your home's curb appeal and helps sustain and strengthen overall home values throughout the neighborhood.

With the spring season in full swing, now is the perfect time to focus on your lawn. Preserving a lush and healthy lawn involves mowing, hydration, fertilization and overseeding.

Mowing - Know what type of grass variety makes up your lawn to select the appropriate height to mow. You can strengthen the roots of your grass by cutting off the top third. If you cut your lawn too short, your grass is susceptible to weed infestation. To keep your grass straight and strong, change direction each time you mow. Put the rake away. Grass clippings and leaves are full of nutrients and reduce your need for fertilizers.

Hydration - An inch of water per week, through rainfall or in combination with irrigation, will produce a verdant lawn. The amount of watering your lawn needs depends on seasonal changes, sun and shade. Plus, many states, municipalities and HOAs have specific rules regarding when and how much residents can water their lawns. The best time to water your lawn is in the early morning or early evening. Generally, there is less wind and heat during those times of the day. Water will penetrate the soil and generate less run-off.

Fertilization - Fertilization encourages leaf growth, reduces weeds and protects the richness of the soil. The amount of nutrients from fertilizer needed depends on the type of grass you have. Apply fertilizer based on your grass variety to avoid damaging your lawn. Most fertilizing packages will provide details on how and when to apply the material. Any unused fertilizer is effective for one year if the material is stored in a sealed container located in a cool, dry place.

Overseeding - Lawns with bare areas can benefit from overseeding. This technique adds grass seed to an existing lawn. New grass installation is recommended if more than half of your lawn is in poor condition. Before overseeding, determine the underlying cause of your yard damage such as weeds or insects to prevent further lawn destruction. The type of seed needed to improve the density of your lawn depends on the variety of grass in your yard.

Taking steps to energize your lawn will renew the look of your home. Following these lawn care ideas can make the grass greener on your side of the neighborhood.

For more home maintenance tips to tackle early in the summer, contact the Builders Association at info@banwpa.com or call 814-833-3999 for a list of qualified contractors.