

# THE GREEN THUMBERS - LAWN CARE CALENDAR

Follow this guide for a healthy lawn! It provides the general care tips needed to adequately maintain an average home lawn in the Midwest.

	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
Weed Control	Crabgrass pre-emerge	Crabgrass Broadleaf	Crabgrass Broadleaf			Broadleaf		
Fertilizing								
Mowing								
Watering								
Aeration								
Dethatch								
Seeding								
Sodding								
Legend: Preferable Time:  Secondary Time: 								

## Additional tips for growing healthy lawns:

April through May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When the grass and soil are fairly dry, rake the lawn to remove dead grass.</li> <li>• Areas affected by snow mold will need to be thoroughly raked.</li> <li>• Fertilize your lawn with a good quality fertilizer.</li> <li>• Now is the time to apply a crabgrass preventer.</li> <li>• Once broadleaf weeds begin to emerge, apply either a granular or liquid weed killer.</li> <li>• Mow as needed to maintain a lawn depth no less than 2".</li> </ul>
June through July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fertilize your yard with a good quality high nitrogen fertilizer.</li> <li>• Lawns require an average of 1" of moisture per week. If rainfall doesn't provide enough water, apply supplemental watering to high-maintenance lawns. Shady low-maintenance lawns require less water.</li> <li>• When watering lawns, it is best to provide a good soaking, from ¼" to ½" of moisture each cycle. The ideal time of the day to water is in the early morning before noon. This process encourages a strong, deep root system.</li> <li>• During the summer months, maintain a lawn depth no less than 3".</li> </ul>

August through September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All lawns benefit from an application of fertilizer.</li> <li>• Continue watering to maintain an average of 1" per week.</li> <li>• The best time to apply post-emergent weed control.</li> <li>• Mow as needed to maintain a lawn depth no less than 2".</li> </ul>
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove debris and leaves from the lawn.</li> <li>• Minimize snow mold and vole damage by mowing the lawn just prior to winter to a depth of approximately 1.5".</li> </ul>

### Shady Conditions:

To grow a healthy lawn, the area should receive an average of 50% sunlight. Lawns that receive less than 50% of sunlight are considered a shady environment. For a healthy lawn in the shade, keep in mind:

- Shady areas require a blend of 2/3 fine fescue grass seed.
- Most available sod for purchase is not suited for shady conditions.
- It is best to maintain a lawn depth of 3" from May through September for shady lawns.