

# How to Keep a Healthy Beautiful Lawn

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*How do you keep a healthy, beautiful lawn without giving up your leisure time? Here are a few tips that will allow you to maintain a show-stopping lawn with less effort.*

### **\*Watering**

Water deeply and infrequently. Apply enough water to cover the entire root zone. It is recommended that you apply 1/2" water per application. Also, leaving clippings (which are 85-90% moisture) on your lawn will retard evaporation of soil moisture.

### **\*Fertilizing**

Stay away from excessive amounts of quick-release fertilizer. If used, apply small amounts frequently. Or, use a slow release fertilizer and decrease the applications when leaving clippings on the lawn. Grass clippings contain one to two percent nitrogen and can contribute up to 40% of your lawn's seasonal fertilizer needs. So, you may eliminate one or more fertilizer applications by returning grass clippings to your lawn.

### **\*Fighting Weeds**

The best way to battle weeds is to keep a thick carpet of grass over the entire yard. Proper watering and fertilizing will promote a strong, healthy lawn. If weeds do break the barrier of lush lawn, pull the weeds during the spring's good growing conditions—before the weeds have a chance to seed out and spread. In addition, healthy grass will stand a better chance of growing over any bare spots. Other methods of ridding your lawn of weeds may include:

- \*raking coarse areas with a rake before mowing.

- \*Chemical applications (in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations).

### **\*Mowing**

Use a mower that cuts and recuts clippings and drives them back into the soil. A mower such as the Toro Recycler mower will save you time (you won't have to bag clippings) and money (no cost for trash bags, clipping pick-up and fewer fertilizer applications.)