

## Summer Lawn Care

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As spring gives way to summer, you may begin to notice changes in your lawn. As the days grow both hotter and longer, a good sprinkler system may not be enough to keep your outside spaces lovely and lush.

### KEEP IT LONGER

Don't mow quite as low as you might in the spring. The roots of longer grass will grow deeper into the soil, strengthening your turf while also becoming more weed resistant. Weeds will compete for water resources, weakening your grass. Adjust your lawnmower blade height to around four inches in the summer, and you'll make it harder for weeds to sprout in the first place.

### SHARPEN YOUR BLADES

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### WATER EARLY

Turn on your sprinklers in the morning, which the sun isn't yet at its peak. You'll lose less water to evaporation, meaning more will get down to the roots where it's needed. Watering early also gives your lawn more time to completely dry out before nightfall, making it less prone to disease. Experts recommend watering to about half an inch two times a week.

### OTHER HELPFUL TIPS

Try to limit how much you walk on your lawn, in particular during the highest heat of the afternoon. Drier grass blades may break off, while foot traffic also compacts soil, making it harder for the roots to get their air they need. You may also consider planting more trees. They grow quite slowly, but will provide years of comfort and beauty. Coupled with shade-loving grass, you'll have a yard that's the talk of the neighborhood.

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#### Quickly Adding Curb Appeal

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