

Water-Wise Gardens Lawn Care Calendar

April to Early May

- Repair areas of winter kill by seeding and top dress with compost. Use endophyte-enhanced* grass seed (*Endophyte-enhanced grass seed has a natural fungicide which helps control Hairy Cinch bug)
- Dethatch the lawn with a good raking
- Aerate the lawn
- Look for weeds and hand remove
- Sharpen lawn mower blade
- Raise mower blade height to 3" (7.5cm)
- Rake compost into entire lawn area
- Use a mulching blade on your mower

May - June

- Apply a non water soluble fertilizer with a least 50% of the nutrients slow release. A 4-1-2 ratio (N-P-K). **Not weed and feed**
- Look for weeds and hand remove
- Cut lawn before any weeds go to seed
- Leave grass clippings on the lawn
- Look for grubs in dead patches on lawn
- Apply Nematode Worms to control grubs throughout the growing season
- When you water, remember 1/2" twice a week, including rain
- Don't water on Wednesdays

July - August

- Dormant lawns may turn yellow or brown. Don't worry, the lawn will green up in cooler weather
- Avoid cutting the lawn in its dormant stage
- Keep foot traffic off the dormant lawn where possible
- Water 1/2" twice a week to maintain lawn health. Remember to factor in the rainfall
- Now's the time to check for cinch bugs in the grass
- Don't water on Wednesdays
- Look for weeds and hand remove

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August to September

- Overseed the entire lawn area. Rake in and top dress with compost
- Look for insect damage
- Look for weeds and hand remove
- When you water, remember 1/2" twice a week including rain
- Don't water on Wednesdays
- Leave grass clippings on the lawn

September to November

- Cut the lawn one last time
- Don't rake up your leaves. Use the mulching blade on the mower to shred them with the grass clippings
- Final Fertilization - Use less nitrogen, more phosphorous and potassium.
- Clean and winterize lawn equipment
- Put away the sprinkler and hose

November to May

- Enjoy the break from lawn care!