



100 DAYS OF DEATH

SUMMER LAWN SURVIVAL GUIDE

Simple steps to help your lawn survive heat, drought, and summer stress.

MOW SMARTER



MOW HIGH

Set your mower to **3.5–4 INCHES.**

Taller grass:

- Shades the soil
- Reduces water loss
- Encourages deeper roots
- Helps crowd out weeds

- ✓ Never remove more than one-third of the blade at a time.



SKIP MOWING WHEN DORMANT

If your lawn is brown and not growing, leave it alone.

If it's not growing, it doesn't need to be cut.



CHANGE YOUR MOWING PATTERN

Rotate directions each week:

- North / South
- East / West
- Diagonal Left
- Diagonal Right

This reduces wheel rutting and soil compaction.



BE CAREFUL WITH HEAVY EQUIPMENT

Commercial zero-turn mowers can cause damage during drought.

Ask your mowing company to:

- Use lighter walk-behind mowers when possible
- Avoid tight circles around trees
- Stay off stressed areas

WATER DEEPLY, NOT DAILY

Your lawn needs about **1 INCH OF WATER** per week during hot weather.

Water 2–3 times per week, early in the morning.



BEST TIME TO WATER
4:00 A.M. – 8:00 A.M.

Avoid evening watering, which can increase disease pressure.



QUICK TUNA CAN TEST

Place a few empty tuna cans in your yard while watering. When they collect about 1 inch total for the week, you're done.



SIGNS YOUR LAWN IS STRESSED

- **Blue-Gray Color** – lawn takes on a dull, smoky cast.
- **Footprints Remain Visible** – blades don't spring back.
- **Wilted Blades** – folded or curled leaves.
- **Dry, Crunchy Feel** – turf feels brittle.
- **Brown Areas** – dormant or drought-stressed patches.



These are signs your lawn needs a break—and likely some water.



SUMMER LAWN DON'TS

- ✗ Don't scalp the lawn
- ✗ Don't mow dormant turf
- ✗ Don't overwater
- ✗ Don't apply fertilizer without a plan
- ✗ Don't panic if the lawn goes temporarily dormant



LOOKING AHEAD

The best time to repair a damaged lawn in Cincinnati is:

LATE AUGUST THROUGH MID-OCTOBER

That's when we perform core aeration and overseeding for long-term recovery.



We've Got Your Back!

If you're not sure what your lawn needs, just call or text me. I'm here to help!

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