

# Lawn Care Tips



## Save water and still have the best looking lawn in town!

1. Top Dress your lawn with peat moss each spring. Mow your lawn shorter than usual then with a peat roller spread peat moss over your entire lawn (1 bale per 500 sq/ft) this is guaranteed to save you at least 50% on your water bill. After you apply the peat moss you need to water it in thoroughly. The Peat moss shades the roots and holds all the natural moisture so you will only have to water half as much. Give it a try and enjoy a great looking lawn!
2. Aerate your lawn each spring with a good plugging machine. This puts a little oxygen into the root system and it allows fertilizer already in the soil to be available to the grass. Another way to aerate your grass is by applying gypsum pellets. Gypsum helps loosen clay soils. It is a natural aerator. It is not only great for your lawns but also for flower beds and gardens. Aeration also will save you water!
3. Watering lawns is one place you can really save water. Your lawn and gardens take about 25% of your yearly water consumption even though you only water for less than half of the year. You should water heavy when you water and then water as infrequently as you can. Water heavy but stop before it runs off. Most experts say put on 1" of water as quickly as you can. What is infrequently? We recommend watering every three days in the heat of the summer, and less often early spring and late fall.
4. Fertilize four times a year if you want an excellent looking lawn. Feeding your lawn properly can also save you water. We recommend the Fertilome 4-Step Program.

**March- April:** Crabgrass Preventer Plus Lawn Food

**May- June:** Weed Out Plus Lawn Fertilizer

**July- August:** Lawn Food Plus Iron

**September- October:** Winterizer