



Living Water

Lawn & Tree Care



MOWING

Fact Sheet

Proper mowing is essential to the health and appearance of your lawn. Mowing your lawn improperly will severely reduce turf vigor and increase susceptibility to weeds, insects and diseases.

HEIGHT:

A closely mowed lawn may appear to be attractive, but results in a turf less tolerant to environment stresses and slower to recover from problem pests.

The proper mowing height for lawn turf-grasses is 2" to 3". It is important that cutting height be measured and adjusted to the turf-grass blades, since the actual height of cut may lower as mower wheels compress and settle into the lawn. The height may be lowered to 1 3/4" to 2" for the first mowing of the year to remove debris and promote spring green-up.

FREQUENCY:

Lawn mowing should be frequent enough to ensure that no more than 1/3 of the grass leaf blade is clipped off in a single mowing. Removing more than 1/3 of the leaf blade will greatly reduce the amount of plant food provided by the shoots. The 1/3" guide is especially important during periods of midsummer stress. Mulching the lawn is very beneficial but should be done every 4 days during the growing season.

CLIPPINGS:

Clippings DO NOT need to be collected when the 1/3" guide of mowing frequency and proper mowing height is practiced. If excessive growth has occurred, raise the mowing height and gradually reestablish the 2" to 3" mowing height. Collecting lawn clippings removes the valuable nutrients produced by decomposing grass blades and may also reduce the benefits of a Living Water application. Collecting clippings WILL NOT reduce thatch buildup.

MOWER BLADES:

Keep mower blades sharp. A sharp blade makes a clean, even cut. A dull blade tears the ends of the grass, leaving ragged, shredded tips. Mowing with a dull blade gives your lawn a brown cast and makes it susceptible to a variety of diseases. It is important to note that not all new mowers have sharp blades.

CULTURAL PRACTICES TO AVOID:

1. Mowing too fast (faster than a normal walk)
2. Mowing when grass is wet
3. Mowing when a mower engine is not running well
4. Mowing in the same pattern (and direction)

The Living Water staff is always ready to assist you with your lawn. Please call if we may provide any information to enhance your lawn's health or appearance.

Give us a call at 1-800-LAWNCARE if you have any questions.

Commit your work to the Lord & it will succeed - Proverbs 16:3