

GreenTree Low-Impact Lawn Care Schedule

<p>Early spring</p>	<p>It's time for a workout. Rake the lawn and remove the debris that has accumulated over winter.</p> <p>Plant roots and all those microbes love oxygen, so now is a good time to aerate your lawn to promote early growth.</p> <p>Make sure you wait till the lawn is dry so you won't damage it.</p> <p>If you didn't get to it in the fall, now is also a great time to apply lime to adjust pH, if needed.</p> <p>Re-seed bare areas to crowd out weeds such as crabgrass. If you have problems with weeds you can also apply corn gluten meal to suppress weed germination at 20 lbs/1,000 sq.ft. of lawn. As with any herbicide, corn gluten will prevent the germination of lawn seed so plan your seeding first.</p>	<p>Summer</p>	<p>The grass' growth slows as the soil dries out. It's time to give the roots a boost using a bio stimulant. We recommend Good For Turf, which is watered onto the lawn. It increases carbohydrate production, which feeds root development and increases energy reserves — essential for turf's survival through the hot, dry summer. Good For Turf is biologically active, and it stimulates the procreation of beneficial microorganisms. The result is sustained growth, intensified coloration, and significantly less need for pest and disease controls.</p>
<p>Late spring</p>	<p>Memorial Day is here, and it's time to give the lawn some love. At least 3 weeks after applying your herbicide, it's time to apply a quality organic-based nutrient source. We recommend Nature's Turf 8-1-9 and Happy Frog 8-2-6 as quality balanced products.</p> <p>Beware of nitrogen-rich, poorly balanced organic products. They will not improve your lawn and soil, and they end up being more costly to use.</p> <p>You've got the lawn mower out by now. Whatever your tool of choice, make sure you keep the blades sharp and that you mow at a cutting height of 3 inches.</p> <p>Leave the clippings on the lawn. The microbes will eat them and recycle the nutrients back to your lawn – that's nature lowering your impact and saving you money!</p>	<p>Late summer-early fall</p> <p>Mid-late fall</p>	<p>It's Labor Day, and your lawn is getting hungry. Promoting growth through autumn is key to improving your lawn's health. It's time to reapply Nature's Turf or Happy Frog.</p> <p>It's almost Thanksgiving. If you didn't get to it in the spring, now is a good time to do a soil analysis and apply lime. Local lawn owners will typically need to apply 30 lbs of pelletized lime per 1,000 sq.ft. Pelletized lime costs a little more but is easier to apply than powder. We recommend using pelletized calcium lime, or you may use dolomitic limestone if your soil is not too high in magnesium.</p> <p>You've been raking leaves and tidying the yard. It's time to reduce your cutting height to about 1 inch for the final mowings. Remove the remaining leaves from the lawn, or attach a bagger to your mower, chop them up, and add them to your compost pile.</p>