

# SPRING LAWN CARE GUIDE FOR LUSH, GREEN GRASS IN INDIANAPOLIS, IN

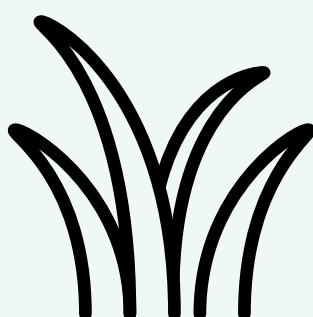
*A Green's Lawncare and Property Services Guide*

## CLEAN DEBRIS & IDENTIFY YOUR GRASS

Firstly, your yard could use a little TLC (tender lawn care), so go ahead and clear off any sticks or leaves left from the winter. This will make everything else a whole lot easier.

Your lawn is probably a mix of Kentucky Bluegrass, Perennial Ryegrass, and Tall/Fine Fescue. They are "cool-season" grasses, growing more in the spring and fall. If you're unsure of your grass type, we'd be happy to help identify it!

It's important to know what grass-species, so you can buy the right kind to fill bare spots!

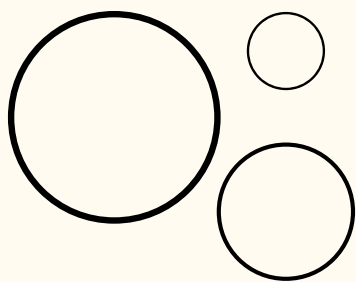
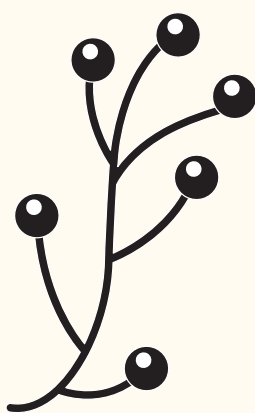


## TREAT PROBLEM AREAS

Here's a couple things to keep in mind...

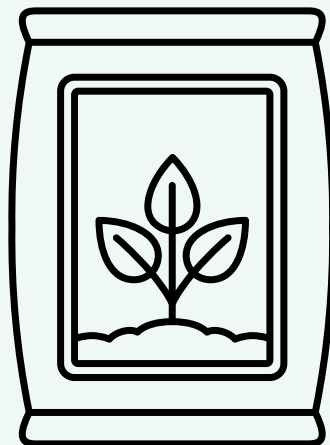
**Weeds:** You probably have a decent amount of weeds, so removing them by hand isn't ideal. Early spring is a good time to apply crabgrass preventive and begin spraying broadleaf weeds. Keep in mind that spraying broadleaf weeds will need to be done throughout the season. A thick dense healthy lawn, cut at the appropriate height will help keep weeds away.

**Bare Spots:** For bare spots, we recommend clearing these areas of any debris (including dead grass!). If you're unable to easily stick a screwdriver in the soil, then it's time to have your soil aerated. Core aeration is ideal, as it pulls plugs out of soil allowing for water and nutrients to reach the roots. During aeration, it's the perfect time to seed as you'll now have optimal 'seed-to-soil' contact.



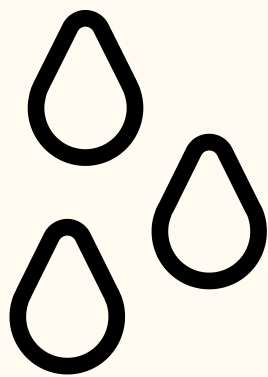
## FERTILIZE

After April 1st and when weather allows, you can begin to apply fertilizer. Using a slow release fertilizer and following the proper dosage on the label will give you the assurance that you won't burn your lawn. Applying fertilizer in the fall along with the spring will help give your lawn a jump start out of the winter. If you'd rather not deal with fertilizing your own lawn, we offer a multi-step program to feed your lawn and keep it green throughout the season.



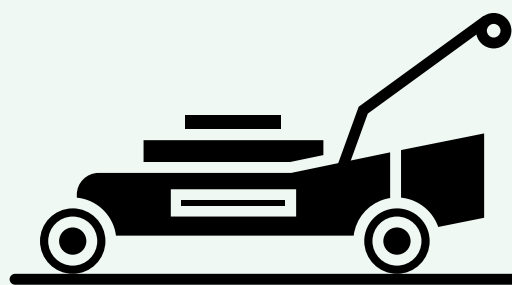
## SLOW DOWN, DON'T OVER-WATER

It is recommended that your lawn get a total of 1"-1.5" of water per week. We recommend watering 2-3 times per week for longer periods of time, instead of daily water. In the event of a newly seeded lawn, it is ideal to water a few times a day using a small amount of water each time; just enough to keep the new seed moist. Look for these signs to water your lawn: folded leaf blades, blue-gray color, or visible footprints in the grass (the grass isn't bouncing back).



## BEGIN MOWING

Once your grass is about 3.5-4" tall, you can begin mowing regularly. Make sure to have sharp blades when mowing. Don't mow more than 1/3 of the grass blade at one time as this can stress the grass. Mow higher during summer months to reduce the stress on the lawn. 4" is great.



## ENJOY YOUR LAWN!

One of the best ways to be aware of the health of your lawn is to enjoy it regularly - you'll notice when a problem begins to crop up if you're spending a lot of time outside! We specialize in nurturing a thick and healthy lawn for a great outdoor experience. Love Your Home Again. Choose Green's.

