



Naturally Green

Ten Steps to be Naturally Green

Keep your lawn healthy using good maintenance practices:

1. Mow high

to promote vigorous growth, prevent weeds and discourage insect pests. Cut grass at a height of 6 to 8 cm or 2.5 to 3 inches. Use a sharp blade.

2. Water deeply

and infrequently to promote deep roots. Too much water starves the soil of oxygen and invites disease. Give 2.5 cm or 1 inch of water per week to the lawn. Put a container (tuna can) on your lawn to measure how much you have watered.

3. Feed

your lawn with compost and leave grass clippings where they fall. Compost improves the soil, which is where plant health begins. Clippings decompose quickly, and are another source of nutrients for your lawn.

4. Aerate

compacted soil in the fall. This helps oxygen, water and nutrients reach the roots and also helps decompose thatch.

5. Overseed

thinned areas in spring or fall or choose alternative ground covers in difficult spots.

6. Replace

grass with paving stones or use mulch in heavy traffic areas and alternate your approach with options such as shrubs, vines or native plants, especially in shaded, dry or difficult areas.

7. Fertilize

with slow-release fertilizer, at a rate guided by soil testing.

8. Check

the lawn regularly to detect pests and other problems early.

9. Discover

that healthy lawns are less susceptible to pest problems. Keep your lawn healthy using good maintenance practices.

10. Enjoy!

A healthy lawn is an ideal place to relax.

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