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A lush, green lawn is a dream for every homeowner. However, keeping your lawn in top shape is not always easy, especially if you don't know what problems to look out for. Here are some ways to prevent common lawn problems before they start.

## HOW TO PREVENT WEEDS

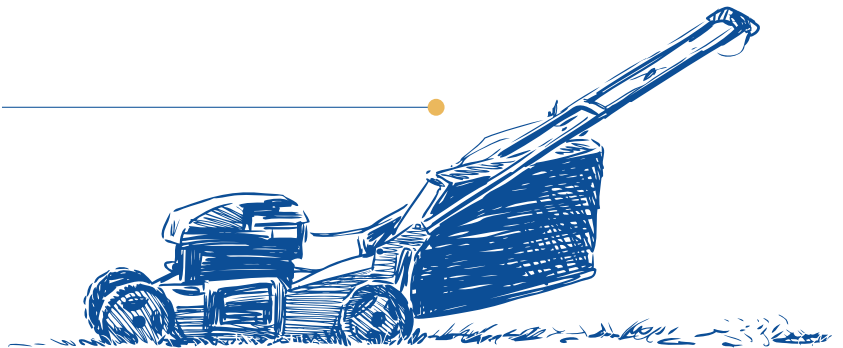


### HAND WEEDING & CULTIVATION

Hand weeding alone only removes the surface flower of a weed and is not entirely effective in preventing weed spreading. Combining it with cultivation allows for the removal of both the above- and below-surface weed, which helps to prevent spreading.

### MOWING

Mowing every week helps to prevent weeds from spreading and developing by cutting down weed seeds before they have a chance to mature and disperse.



### MULCHING

Applying a layer of mulch helps to suppress weed growth by limiting the amount of light reaching the soil.

**It is recommended to use at least 3 inches of mulch for effective weed control.**

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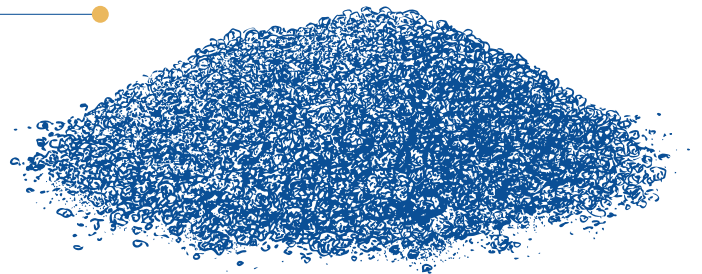
## HOW TO KEEP YOUR DREAM LAWN HEALTHY

### Brown Patches

- Keeping up on mowing, aeration, morning watering and yard clean up will increase and maintain your lawn's health.
- Remove leaves and built-up grass from your lawn after mowing to prevent mold growth and allow the grass access to the sun.
- Avoid using fertilizer as it can make the situation worse by killing off the microbes in the soil that the grass needs in order to be healthy.

### Compacted Soil

- Mow when grass is dry. Wet grass causes clumps that can harm the lawn, as wet soil increases the risk of soil compaction.
- Aerate your lawn at least once a year to keep the soil loose and remove build up.



### Thin/Yellow Grass

Thin or yellow grass is usually caused by stress, which can be caused by unpredictable weather conditions and weeds.

#### Consider these steps to promote healthy grass:

- Have a regular watering and mowing schedule.
- Water your grass with an inch of water per week.
- Mow in the afternoons and cut your grass high, leaving 2.5 to 3 inches.

