

# SEASONAL HOW-TO

## • FOR YOUR HOME TURF •

What you do in the comfort of your yard affects our local waterways. *Get Grassy!* encourages us all to care for our lawns in a way that prevents pollutants from going into local streams and rivers. Clean water not only looks good, it's vital to life!

### GET GRASSY WITH THESE YEAR-ROUND LAWN CARE TIPS

#### SPRING

##### SOAK IT IN

Install a rain barrel or add a rain garden to your yard and put rainwater to work for you. For rebate information, visit [communitybackyards.org](http://communitybackyards.org).

##### MOW TO GROW

Sharpen mower blades and set to the highest setting (3 to 4"). Tall grass equals deep roots and fewer weeds.

Spring grass grows fast. Mow more than once a week to avoid removing too much at one time.



#### SUMMER

##### LET IT BE

After mowing, sweep grass clippings back onto your grass for a thicker and greener lawn. Grass clippings and other materials pollute our local water.

##### STAY HYDRATED

Water your grass with 1" of water per week or let it go dormant. Established lawns can recover from dormancy during a drought period.



## FALL

### LEAF IT ON YOUR LAWN

Mulch leaves with your mower to put nutrients back on your lawn. Put extra leaves, branches and twigs in yard waste bags and set out for collection.

### CHOOSE FALL

Fall fertilization is good because it encourages a deep root system.

Remember to follow label instructions and keep fertilizer off hard surfaces and away from water.



## WINTER

### PLAN IT UP

Amidst the cold weather, make a yard plan for next year. For more information, visit [getgrassy.org](http://getgrassy.org).



### DID YOU KNOW?

Storm drains in our streets connect directly to rivers. Pick up trash, spills and debris to keep local waterways clean.

## GET GRASSY! AND COMMIT TO CLEAN WATER

Pledge to take care of your lawn year-round at [getgrassy.org](http://getgrassy.org).

**All pledges will receive a prize!**

Hey you! Yeah, you. When you're done fawning over me, please recycle!

