



HOW TO ACHIEVE THAT PARK-LIKE FINISH

How do you get a beautiful lawn besides water, cutting and fertilizing? Here are some mowing tips to help you get great looking lawns:

1 - Keep Your Blades Sharp

A dull blade will cut unevenly and shred the tips of your turf. After a few days, those ragged ends can turn brown, ruining the appearance of your lawn. Even worse, the damaged tips become entry points for disease. A sharp blade minimizes damage to the grass and gives your lawn a nice uniform appearance.

Inspect your mower blade at least once a season and replace it when necessary with a genuine Toro blade. The best time to do this is right after you run out of fuel, that way you can tip the machine on its side without risking a fuel spill.

Always tip the machine so the air filter is up and the oil dipstick is down the length of your cut grass called height of cut.

2 - Don't Scalp the Lawn

Proper height of cut varies depending on turf species, time of year and climate conditions. However, make sure not to cut too low as this forces the plant to tap into its food reserves, stressing the roots and eventually thinning out your lawns.

3 - Remember the 1/3 Rule

Every time you mow, take a long at your lawn length and then set your mower deck to cut only the top third of the blades of grass. It's the healthiest cut for the grass and makes sure your mower works the way it was designed, without overloading the blades.

4 - Vary Your Mowing Pattern

When you mow in the same direction all the time your wheels can compact the soil eventually leaving ruts in your yard. Grass tends to grow in the direction it's been mowed, so change it up by mowing it a different pattern each time. Your grass will grow straighter and your lawn will look better.

5 - Keep Your Deck Clean

Cleaning the underside of the mower helps it discharge or mulch grass clippings the way it's supposed to.