

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

Lawn maintenance starts. Before giving the lawn its first short cut, rake it lightly to remove surface rubbish. Rake thoroughly with a spring rake so that the grass and weeds are set up to meet the mower blades.

Two light cuts just to “tip off” the grass are sufficient. Never more than 1/3 of the height at any time. Trim the edges of the lawn. If your mower doesn't have a roller on it, then this is the time to roll the lawn when the surface is dry. This is also a good time for lawn restoration work (*see overseeding brochure*).

OCTOBER

Give the lawn its spring feed and start weed control.

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Increase frequency of mowing as necessary. This is the best month for weed control when the grass is dry but the soil moist. Water thoroughly if drought is apparent.

NOVEMBER/MARCH

Mowing the lawn twice a week may be necessary if the soil is moist. If on the other hand there is a long dry spell, raise the height of the cut (*25-30mm*) and mow once a week or less. If weeds remain after initial treatment, repeat the process although not during a long dry spell.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Mow regularly—20-25mm or higher if dry and keep edges trimmed. A summer “tonic” feed may be applied during any showery spell.

APRIL/MAY

Decrease the frequency of mowing and start raising the cutting height to 25mm. If any diseases are spotted, treat with a fungicide. Think about spiking and top dressing, or the application of an autumn feed. Early September is the best time for lawn restoration work (*see overseeding*).

JUNE/JULY

Regular mowing stops this month, and the cutting height should be raised to a minimum of 25-30mm for the last cut or two. Lawn repairs can also be undertaken over these months e.g. leveling out bumps and hollows, reseeding bare patches, removing coarse grasses, etc. Rake away fallen leaves and worm casts with a light rake.

LAWN CALENDAR

