

Scattered Sites Handbook Guidelines

Lawns should be cut and trimmed weekly, or more often as needed. Guidelines for proper lawn trimming are approximately 2 inches high in mild summer weather and 3 inches high if the weather is exceptionally warm. Cutting the lawn too short in very hot weather allows weeds to take over. Keep the grass trimmed so that it does not cover walks, driveways, the side of the foundation, or curbs. Trim and shape bushes where appropriate. Trim around the mailboxes and fencing. Weeds and other growth should not be on walks. If there is a problem with trees, please call the office.

Inspections are made weekly to ensure that you are maintaining the lawn.

It is your responsibility as a tenant to maintain your lawn. If you are unable to do so yourself, you must make arrangements for someone to do this for you.

SPRING AND SUMMER FUN

JUST A REMINDER: KHA WANTS YOU TO ENJOY YOUR NEW HOME BUT WE DO HAVE SOME RULES TO REMEMBER.

RENTERS INSURANCE IS REQUIRED FOR:

- ***Trampolines—must be in good repair and staked to ground***
- ***Swing sets—must be in good repair***

OTHER OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES:

- ***You can't have a pool over 18 inches in depth.***
- ***You can plant a garden, flowers, bushes and have a grill, picnic table, etc.***
- ***Please keep grills away from the siding. Do NOT grill in your garage.***
- ***Please maintain your yard's curb appeal. Keep toys, trash, and other items picked up or disposed .***
- ***If you have a pet or service/ companion/therapy animal you must pick up after them when being walked or playing in the yard.***
- ***Call Jessie or Sadie before taking action just in case there is a problem.***



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Scattered Sites Lawn Care Tips



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3 Tips for Spring Lawn Care

1. Fertilization

~ Spring is a crucial time to fertilize because it replenishes the food reserves your yard draws from while dormant in the winter and fuels grass' rapid growth phase.

2. Weed control

~ Apply a pre-emergent (before the weeds appear above ground) weed killer on lawns to prevent grassy weeds from germinating. Spring broadleaf weeds like dandelions, clovers and plantains, are best prevented by maintaining a proper mowing height and fertilization.

3. Mowing

~ Contrary to popular belief, setting your mower at a very low height can actually increase weeds by exposing the soil surface to sunlight and removing stored nutrients in leaf blades. Cool weather grasses, such as bluegrass, ryegrass and fescues, should maintain a height of 2.5 to 3.5 inches.

Watering Your Lawn

When to Water

~ About one inch of water per week (including precipitation) is adequate for maintaining a healthy lawn. Use a can or rain gauge to help determine the amount of water applied by the sprinkling system and supplied by rainfall.

~ Don't use a fixed schedule for lawn watering. Apply water only when it is needed. Over watering can promote diseases and affect the health of the lawn.

~ A simple test for determining if grass needs water is to walk on the lawn and if you leave foot prints, it may be time to water the lawn.

~ A good soaking once or twice a week is better than watering every day. Allowing the soil to dry between watering will allow the roots to grow to greater depths and help make turf more drought tolerant.

Best Time to Water

~ Water during the cool part of the day to minimize water lost to evaporation. Early morning hours (4 a.m. to 8 a.m.) are the best, and the peak water consumption hours (4 p.m. to 9 p.m.) should be avoided.

~ Avoid watering during midday hours when it is hot and sunny to prevent scalding the turf.

~ Watering at night is not recommended because the lawn stays wet for a long period of time which can promote diseases and affect the health of your lawn.

Summer Lawn Care Checklist

- Mow and trim lawn weekly
- Water lawn regularly
- Pick up and dispose of sticks
- Pick up and dispose of any trash in yard
- Clean leaves and debris out of gutters
- Weeds in sidewalks should be removed

Reminder

If there are any dead spots in your lawn grass seed is available at the front office, no charge to the tenant.

If you have any questions about lawn care please call Jessie or Sadie at 234-3000.

