

Importance of Proper Maintenance

When trying to be water conscious, one of the easiest and perhaps cheapest is good maintenance practices. Most of the over-use and waste of water comes from the idea that more water is the solution to greener grass. This however is not always the case. Green grass starts with good maintenance practices, like those listed below:

- **Increased Mowing Height-** Increasing the mowing height on turf ensures there is more grass tissue for photosynthesis to occur in which in turn will encourage a more extensive root structure.
- **Cultivation-** Aeration or thatching allows air and nutrients to better get to the root system and helps soften the soil which all leads to better water infiltration. However, these practices should be timed to avoid stressful periods on lawns (summer).
- **Fertilization-** Fertilizing with the proper type and at the proper times can bring the great green look to a lawn. However, care should be taken when to not over apply fertilizer. Doing so could actually cause an increase in moisture requirements.

Practicing proper turf management techniques allows turf to withstand a greater amount of stress before showing signs of wilt. Remember that the greater the root structure the stronger the plant and a greater chance of getting through the summer with a healthy green lawn.

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